

ROMEO AND JULIET

CHARACTERS

Romeo	Son of Montecchi (<i>lether jacket</i>)
Giulietta	Daughter of Capuleti (<i>little crown</i>)
Lord Capuleti	Father of Giulietta (<i>cap</i>)
Lady Capuleti	Mother of Giulietta and wife of Capuleti (<i>shawl</i>)
Nanny	nurse of Giulietta (<i>bonnet</i>)
Mercuzio	friend of Romeo and relative of the prince (<i>waistcoat</i>)
Tebaldo	nephew of Lady Capuleti (<i>bandana</i>)
Benvolio	cousin of Romeo, nephew of Montecchi (<i>wool hat</i>)
Friar Lorenzo	Franciscan (<i>a wooden cross</i>)
Prince	lord of Verona (<i>hat with feathers</i>)
Paride	noble young man asking Juliet as a bride (<i>cloak</i>)

SCENE 1 - SPAIN

Reader 1: The story takes place in Verona where for years two big families, the Capuleti and the Montecchi, are in conflict and hate each other without knowing the reason. The first scene takes place in a street in Verona where the Capuleti and Montecchi meet by chance and fight. The Prince arrives and they run away.

Reader 2 (Capuleti family): Here they are, they're arriving

Reader 3 (Montecchi family): We're going to kill you today

Reader 4 (Capuleti): We aren't scared of you. We're killing you. (*they fight*)

Reader 5 (Montecchi family): Die carrion!

Reader 6 (Prince): Rebel subjects, enemies of peace you are not men but beasts. If you reject peace you'll die!

SCENE 2 – SPAIN

Reader 7: The second scene takes place at the Capuleti's house where Paride, relative of the Prince, asks Juliet's hand from Lord Capuleti. Lady Capuleti and Juliet's nurse encourage her to marry Paride but Juliet doesn't promise anything.

Reader 8 (Paride): I would like to marry your daughter Juliet.

Reader 9 (Lord Capuleti): But she is so young, can you wait one more year?

Reader 8 (Paride): No I can't I love her

Reader 10 (Lady Capuleti): (*Aside*) Juliet, we're going to give a party for your engagement with Paride

Reader 11 (Nanny): You will get married very soon, with a nice noble man.

Reader 12 (Juliet): But I don't know him. I promise nothing.

SCENE 3 - GREECE

Reader 1: Romeo goes to the masked ball he sees Juliet and is struck by her beauty: it is love at first sight. Romeo and Juliet now discover their identity, but desperate, they realize that they have fallen in love with each other: their own worst enemy.

(Some students from the three nations perform a dance)

Reader 2 (Romeo): Who are you, beautiful girl. My heart has never loved. Can I touch your hand?
I already love you.

Reader 3 (Juliet): Who are you who kidnapped my soul? Why are you hiding your face? Me too,
I already love you.

Reader 2 (Romeo): But you are Juliet ... a Capulet.

Reader 3 (Juliet): And you are Romeo a Montecchi ... the worst enemies of my family! *(they embrace and go away together)*

SCENE 4 – ITALY

Reader 1: At night, Romeo hides in the Capulet's garden, approaches Juliet's balcony and declares his love to her.

Reader 4 (Juliet): Oh Romeo, Romeo, why are you Romeo? Deny your father and refuse your own name. If you really don't want to, just swear to me that you love me, and I will stop being a Capulet.

Reader 5 (Romeo): my name, my love, is hateful to myself, because it is an enemy to you. All the stars of the firmament are witnesses of my torment. I no longer have a face, I no longer have a name ... I am only your great love.

SCENE 5 – GREECE

Reader 1: The following day, hopelessly in love, Romeo confides in Friar Lorenzo, his confessor. Initially incredulous, Friar Lorenzo promises Romeo to help him celebrate the wedding, also hoping to reconcile Capuleti and Montecchi.

Reader 2 (Romeo): I love Juliet as you love your God, I beg you to marry us and still be close to us.

Reader 3 (Friar): For love I'll help you, from hatred love is born, and if God wants it I will marry you! Tonight ... come tonight!

SCENE 6 - GREECE

Reader 4: Tebaldo, Juliet's cousin, challenges Romeo to a duel but the young man refuses to fight. Mercutio replaces him by fighting against Tebaldo. Tebaldo kills Mercutio. Romeo avenges the death of his friend by killing Tebaldo and must go into exile by order of the Prince.

Reader 5 (Tebaldo): Fight coward! I can't stand anything about you... your voice, your behaviour.
Fight! I will kill you!

Reader 6 (Romeo): I don't want to fight with you, you don't understand now but you will understand.

Reader 7 (Mercutio): Fight with me, I'll kill you ... coward! *(They fight and Tebaldo kills Mercutio)*

Reader 8 (Benvolio): A doctor ... I'm going to look for a doctor!

Reader 6 (Romeo): Nooo! Mercutio ... my friend. *(Takes the sword and kills Tebaldo)* Die!

Reader 9 (Prince): Hatred calls hatred, blood calls blood. I condemn you to exile Romeo.
(Romeo runs away)

SCENE 7 – ITALY

Reader 1: Juliet, in order not to marry Paride, as her father wants, helped by the Friar decides to drink a potion which will give her the appearance of being dead for 42 hours, in this way she could go away with Romeo. The friar sends a message to Romeo telling him about their plans.

Reader 2 (Friar Lorenzo): Listen to me, Juliet, drink this poison ... you will fall asleep ... your heart will stop beating, your body will become cold and everyone will believe you dead ... but only for a few hours ... when you wake up Romeo will be by your side ... I myself will inform him with this letter.... Do as I said, don't worry.

Reader 3 (Juliet): Romeo, my love, this poison will save us. I'll kill myself. (*Juliet drinks the poison and collapses on bed*).

Reader 4 (Nanny): Juliet ... wake up, sleepyhead weak up ... my love! Your future husband has already arrived, don't you want him to find you in bed? Wake Up! Juliet ... Juliet ... wake up ... AAAHHHH ... noooooo ... help ... Juliet is dead !!!

SCENE 8 – ITALY

Reader 5: Friar's message doesn't reach Romeo in time, so seeing Juliet dead, he decides to kill himself. When Juliet awakes, she finds her beloved Romeo dead and kills herself.

Reader 6 (Romeo): What did they do to you, my love, why did you go away from me? They won: they separated us. It's over... my love... my life dies here with you. Goodbye, my Juliet! Eternity awaits us! I'm dying. (*Romeo drinks the poison and dies*).

Reader 7 (Juliet): Romeo ... my love, why don't you talk to me? Romeo, you knew I would wake up here. Romeo, life without you isn't life ... Romeo, wait for me my love, I'm coming ... (*stabs herself and dies*)