

# Romeo and Juliet

## Characters

Romeo

Juliet

Mercutio

Benvolio

Paris

The Prince

Friar Lawrence

The Nurse

Lord and Lady Capulet

Lord and Lady Montague

Tybalt

Rosaline

The Servants

The Chorus

## Themes

Aggression/Violence

Love

Women

Nature

Light and Dark

Fate

Religion

Power and Control

Relationships

Hate

Loyalty, honour and respect

## Context

- Shakespeare
- Elizabethan Times
- Parents and Children
- Treatment of Women
- Wet Nurse
- Catholicism/Protestantism
- The Italian Wars
- Fate and Astronomical Guidance
- Petrarch
- Marriage
- The Four Humours
- Pastimes (incl. fencing)

## Language

- Dramatic Irony
- Prologue
- Stage Craft
- Figurative Language

## Literary Style

- Sonnets
- Soliloquy