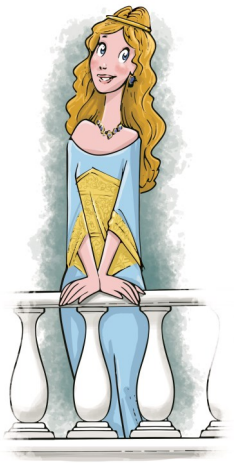
Juliet

English

Play: *Romeo and Juliet*

Favourite quotes:



My only love sprung from my only hate!
(The person I love comes from my enemy's family!)

The Capulets and Montagues are 2 families that hate each other. Juliet Capulet meets Romeo Montague and falls in love with him. Then she realises who he is - the son of her family's worst enemy.

Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art thou Romeo?
(Romeo, Romeo, why are you called Romeo?)

Juliet is talking to herself, but Romeo overhears her. She is wondering why Romeo is who he is. She wishes he wasn't from the Montague family.

What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet!
(What does a name really mean? If a rose had a different name, it would still be as beautiful, and smell as sweet!)

Juliet is wondering what a name really means. She says that a rose would still smell sweet if it was called something else. And so Romeo would still be wonderful if he wasn't a Montague, so maybe he should just change his name!

O happy dagger,
This is thy sheath
(Oh happy dagger, my body is your home.)

At the end of the play, when Juliet sees that Romeo is dead, she decides that she must die too, so that they can be together.

Appearance

People say that I am very beautiful. Well, Romeo does! He says I shine as bright as a torch, that I am like a rich jewel, and that he never saw true beauty until he first looked at me. When he first sees me, I am at my father's party, wearing a mask.

Later in the play, I don't look so peaceful. When my love, Romeo, is banished and my cousin Tybalt is dead, all I can do is cry and cry.

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Personality traits

Some people might say that I am passionate and wild for falling in love with Romeo so quickly, but I am also sensible and I'm very smart. I think very carefully about every decision I make, but I can be very decisive and bold when I want to be. You know, I was the one who asked Romeo to marry me, not the other way round! I want to be in control of my own life, and my own destiny. I don't want to be told what to do.

What happens to me in the play

The story happens in Verona. My family, the Capulets, have been in a war with another family, the Montagues for many, many years.

One day, my father throws a party to introduce me to Count Paris, who he wants me to marry. However, at the party I meet Romeo. We fall madly in love, but I soon learn that he is a Montague!

We meet again, and decide to get married. The day after our small wedding, Romeo is involved in a fight, where my cousin Tybalt dies. Romeo is banished from Verona!

My father says that I must marry Paris, and that he has organised the wedding to happen in just a few days…but he doesn't know that I am already married to Romeo!

I ask Friar Laurence to help me. He gives me a potion that makes me sleep so deeply that it looks like I am dead, so that my family will place my body in a tomb. Then he writes to Romeo, telling him to come and get me from the tomb and take me away with him!

But the letter to Romeo gets lost! He comes to the tomb and thinks I really am dead. He poisons himself, and dies. When I wake up from my sleep, I see Romeo lying next to me. I decide that I must die too, so that I can be with him.

The problems or dilemmas I have to face:

My first problem is that my father wants me to marry Paris. I'm only 13, I don't think I want to marry Paris, but my father is not a very nice man. He doesn't like people saying no to him.

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My second problem is falling in love with Romeo. Not only is he an enemy, he is banished from Verona, and I have to find a way to get back to him before my father makes me marry Paris.

Finally, I have to decide what to do when I see that Romeo is dead. I don't think I can live without him.

How do I change over time?

At the beginning of the story I am young and naive. I agree to go to the party to meet Paris, because I am obedient and I do as my father says.

Throughout the story I become more headstrong, determined, and independent. Loving Romeo makes me feel bolder, and more sure of myself. I know what I want, and I will not let my father stand in my way.

What I'm interested in

I am interested in love, in Romeo, and in finding a way for us to be together, despite the world trying to keep us apart.

What I'm afraid of

I am afraid that my father will find out that I am already married to him, and so cannot marry Paris. I am afraid of what my father might do. He said his fingers were itching to hurt me if I disobeyed him. The only thing that scares me more than my father, is the thought of being without Romeo.

Who do I get on with?

My nurse has always been my closest friend and confidant. She has looked after me since I was a baby. She treats me like a daughter. I tell her everything…well I did until she sided with my parents. She thinks I should forget Romeo and marry Paris. I feel so betrayed by her. Though she continues to help me, no matter what.

Friar Laurence has been so kind to me, and to Romeo. He married us, and helped us when Romeo was banished.

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Who do I clash with?

I have always been kind and dutiful to my parents. I have always tried to be a good daughter and do what they say, but when I told them I didn't want to marry Paris, my father was so full of rage. He said he wouldn't ever look at me again if I refused to marry Paris.

What am I most proud of?

I am proud that I followed my heart. If I had married Paris I would have lived a life of misery. I am proud that I chose to be happy, and to love Romeo, no matter what.

How have I been portrayed?



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