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"My only love sprung from my only hate!"
Juliet, Act 1 Scene 5

"In one respect I'll thy assistant be;
For this alliance may so happy prove
To turn your households' rancour to pure love."
Friar Lawrence, Act 2 Scene 3

"Thou villain Capulet!"
Montague, Act 1 Scene 1

- Why did the Montagues and Capulets hate each other?
- Did Romeo and Juliet behave sensibly?
- Are your parents responsible for your behaviour? Why?
- How did Capulet react when he learned that Romeo was at the party in the beginning of the play?
- Did Romeo and Juliet ever tell their parents about their relationship?
- Why did Capulet want Juliet to marry Paris?
- Were Romeo and Juliet's deaths just a tragic accident?
- Were Romeo and Juliet fated to die, regardless of what anyone might have done to stop it?

Can you find any more useful quotations from the play?

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RESEARCH TASK:

Is 'fate' a common theme in lots of Shakespeare's plays? Did lots of people believe in fate?

Did being a 'good parent' mean something different in Shakespeare's time?

Key words

Word	Definition
Justified	
Obey	
Stubborn	
Fate	
Suicide	
Independent	

Who or what else could be to blame for Romeo and Juliet's deaths? Add your own ideas to our list

- *Romeo - he acted rashly and didn't think*
- *Juliet - she made a plan but didn't tell Romeo about it*
- *Fate - they were going to die no matter what anyone did*
- *The Apothecary - he gave Romeo the lethal drugs*
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