

ROMEO AND JULIET: WHY SUCH STRONG EMOTIONS?

Read the text and do the multiple choice questions.

Most people know that Romeo and Juliet is one of the world's most famous love stories. However, many people forget that the two main characters were only teenagers. Juliet was just thirteen years old, and Romeo was probably sixteen or seventeen. Their age is one reason why they experienced such powerful emotions.

When Romeo and Juliet met at a party, they fell in love almost immediately. Instead of taking time to get to know each other, they believed they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. Young people often feel emotions very strongly, and Shakespeare used this idea to make the story exciting.

The situation was also very difficult. Romeo and Juliet belonged to two families who hated each other. They knew that their parents would never approve of their relationship, so they kept it a secret. Trying to hide such an important part of their lives made them feel even more stressed and emotional.

As the story continues, both teenagers make several quick decisions. They marry after knowing each other for only a short time, and they often act before thinking carefully about the consequences. Adults with more life experience might have stopped to consider other solutions, but Romeo and Juliet believed they had no time to wait.

Many teachers believe that Shakespeare wanted to show how strong teenage emotions can be. Teenagers are still learning how to manage their feelings, and they sometimes react without thinking about what could happen next. Although adults also experience love, fear, and sadness, they are often better at controlling their emotions.

Even today, readers can understand why Romeo and Juliet behaved as they did. Most people can remember a time when they felt excited, worried, or heartbroken. The story reminds us that strong emotions are a normal part of growing up, but it is important to think carefully before making important decisions.



1. What is the author's main purpose in writing this article?

- A. To summarize every scene in Romeo and Juliet in detail.
- B. To explain why the story still matters by connecting it to the experiences of teenagers today.
- C. To convince readers that teenagers should not read Shakespeare.
- D. To compare Shakespeare with modern writers.

2. According to the article, why can adolescence feel confusing?

- A. Teenagers suddenly forget everything they learned as children.
- B. Teenagers have no responsibilities.
- C. Teenagers spend all of their time at school.
- D. Teenagers are trying to discover who they are and where they belong.

3. According to the article, why do Romeo and Juliet make such quick decisions?

- A. Their strong emotions and lack of life experience influence their choices.
- B. They are trying to impress their teachers.
- C. They want to become famous.
- D. They are following a carefully planned strategy.

4. According to the article, why does Romeo and Juliet continue to be popular today?

- A. It teaches readers how people lived in medieval England.
- B. It is the shortest play Shakespeare wrote.
- C. The characters' feelings and struggles are similar to those many teenagers experience today.
- D. It contains many funny scenes and jokes.

5. What is one important lesson readers can learn from the article?

A It is always best to follow your friends' advice.	B. Romance is more important than family.
C Strong emotions can lead to poor decisions, so it is important to think before acting.	D. Parents should always make decisions for their children.

