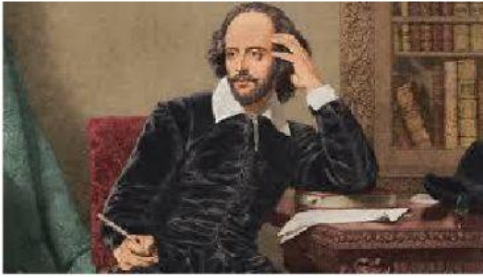


Summary of Romeo and Juliet



This is a short summary of *Romeo and Juliet* by [William Shakespeare](#). The play which is set in Verona is a story about a long feud between the Montague and Capulet families. This feud causes tragic results for the main characters in the play, Romeo and Juliet. The events contrast hatred and revenge with love and a secret marriage, forcing the young star-crossed lovers to grow up quickly and die

tragically in despair.

Here is a short summary of the main events of Romeo and Juliet:

A short summary of the story

Romeo and Juliet fall in love at a party. But they come from families which hate each other. They are sure they will not be allowed to marry. Nevertheless, helped by Friar Lawrence, they marry in secret instead. Unfortunately, before their wedding night Romeo kills Juliet's cousin in a duel, and in the morning he is forced to leave her. If he ever returns to the city, he will be put to death.

Juliet's parents told her she must marry Paris. Her parents do not know she is already married. She refuses in the beginning, but later agrees because she plans to fake her death and escape to be with Romeo forever; again with the help of Friar Lawrence.

Friar Lawrence designs the plan. He gives Juliet a sleeping potion. She appears to be dead and is put in a tomb. However, Romeo does not know about the plan, visits her grave, thinks she is dead, and kills himself. When Juliet finally wakes up, she discovers that Romeo is dead and then kills herself.

Write short answers to these questions

1. Where does the story take place? _____
2. Which two families are in a prolonged dispute? _____
3. Who helps Romeo and Juliet marry in secret? _____
4. Where do Romeo and Juliet meet? _____
5. Why is Romeo forced to leave Verona? _____
6. What will happen if he returns? _____
7. Who do Juliet's parents want her to marry? _____
8. What does Juliet plan to do? _____
9. What does Friar Lawrence give Juliet? _____
10. What is the effect of this potion? _____
11. Why does Romeo kill himself? _____
12. What does Juliet do when she wakes up? _____

