

Romeo and Juliet

Discussion:

1. What do you know about the play Romeo and Juliet?

Instructions: Read the story of Romeo and Juliet. After each paragraph, summarize it to your tutor. Then answer the questions.

The Story of Romeo and Juliet

At the beginning of the play we see the Capulets and the Montagues fighting in a street in Verona, the town where they live. The two families are enemies.

When we first meet Romeo, he is very depressed because he loves a girl called Rosaline and she doesn't love him. Benvolio, Romeo's cousin, and Mercutio, Romeo's friend, talk to Romeo about a ball organized by the Capulets. Romeo agrees to go.

When he is there, he sees Juliet Capulet and immediately falls in love with her. Juliet sees Romeo too and she also falls in love with him.

After the ball Romeo secretly goes into the Capulet's garden where he sees Juliet at her balcony (the famous balcony scene). They declare their love to each other and agree to get married the following day.

Friar Laurence doesn't think they are in really in love, but he agrees to marry them to stop the fighting between the two families. He marries them in secret. However, things quickly go wrong when Romeo kills Juliet's cousin, Tybalt and he is banished from Verona.

The prince tries to help the couple so that they can be reunited. He gives Juliet some medicine that will make her look dead for 42 hours, so that she won't have to marry Paris. He sends a letter to Romeo telling him what he did, but Romeo doesn't get the letter.

When Romeo sees Juliet asleep, he thinks she is dead. He goes to buy poison and drinks it, he then dies. When Juliet wakes up from her sleep she finds Romeo next to her and sees that he is dead. So she takes his dagger and stabs herself. Then she dies.

Questions

1. At the end of the play, who dies?	6. Who dies first, Romeo or Juliet?
2. Who is Romeo's cousin?	7. Who is Juliet in love with ?
3. Who organized a ball?	8. Where does Romeo tell Juliet he loves her?
4. Who wants the two families to reconcile?	9. Who helps the two lovers?
5. Who is Mercutio?	10. Where does the story take place?

Production Task : Tell the story of Romeo and Juliet in your own words.