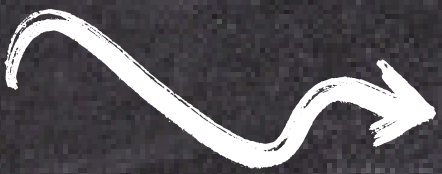


ROMEO AND JULIET - CLASS 12 ENGLISH

SHORT SUMMARY



THE GREATEST WRITER OF ENGLISH LITERATURE WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE RECITES THE TIMELESS TALE OF ROMEO AND JULIET AND THEIR ROMANCE THROUGH THE POEM. THE POEM EXPLORES THE INTENSITY OF YOUNG LOVE, RATHER EXPRESSED BY TWO YOUNG PEOPLE INTOXICATED AT FIRST SIGHT.

IN A PARTY ARRANGED BY LORD CAPULET, ROMEO AND HIS FRIEND BENVOLIO DECIDE TO SHOW UP UPON LEARNING THAT HIS FIRST LOVE ROASALINE IS PRESENT AT THE PARTY. HOWEVER, UPON REACHING THE PLACE, THE WHIFF OF MAGNIFICENT BEAUTY - JULIET REACHES HIS BODY. ROMEO REFERS HER BEAUTY TO BE OUTSTANDING AMONGST THE OTHERS WHIST JULIET ACCEPTS HER DEFEAT TO THE ADDICTING CHARM OF HER LOVER, AND DREAMS OF A LIFE TOGETHER WITH HIM. THE CONTRASTING FEELINGS AND EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURED IN THE POEM.



ANALYSIS

FOR EARTH TOO DEAR - A RARE AND DIVINE
BEAUTY ON EARTH
TEACH THE TORCHES TO BURN BRIGHT- THE
BEAUTY IS SUPERIOR TO THAT OF BRIGHTNESS
OF A TORCH
NEW SNOW- THE BEAUTY OF ARRIVAL OF A
NEW CHARM
RICH JEWEL IN ETHIOPE'S EAR - ANY JEWEL
BURNS BRIGHT ON A DARK EAR - REFERRING
TO BLACK PEOPLE'S EARS.
SNOWY DOVE TROOPING WITH CROWS- A
DOVE LOOKS MORE BEAUTIFUL WHEN PRESENT
IN A MURDER OF CROWS BECAUSE OF IT'S
WHITE GLAMOUR

THE USE OF RAVEN AND NIGHT IN THE POEM IS
USED TO SYMBOLISE THE IMAGERY OF DEATH AND
CHAOS IN THEIR NECTOR SWEET LOVE
WHEREAS DOVE AND LIGHT IS USED TO CONVEY
THEIR VISION OF HAVING A BRIGHT FUTURE
TOGETHER DESPITE THE FEUD BETWEEN THEIR
FAMILIES.

ROMEO, AS A LOVE IS SOMEONE WHO ATTENDED
THE PARTY IN HOPES OF SEEING ROSALINE AND
GETS ATTACKED BY THE DIVINE BEAUTY OF
JULIET.

JULIET ON THE OTHERHAND, IS SOMEONE WHO IS
SHOWN TO HAVE EXPERIENCED LOVE FOR THE
FIRST TIME AND IMAGINES HER FUTURE WITH HIM
WHICH ALSO DEPICTS HOW HER FAMILY EXERCISED
RESTRAINT ON HER TO FIND LOVE SHE SEEKS.

MEANING OF THE POEM



ROMEO AND JULIET EXPRESS CONTRASTING IMAGERY TO EXPRESS THEIR LOVE. ROMEO SAYS THAT JULIET'S BEAUTY IS LIKE A BRIGHT JEWEL, A WHITE DOVE, AND THAT HER BRIGHTNESS IS LIKE BLACK AND WHITE COMPARED TO OTHER FEMALES. JULIET ON THE OTHER HAND, REFERS ROMEO TO BE HER 'DAY IN NIGHT' AND WHITER THAN A SNOW ON RAVEN, HER STARS ON A NIGHT SKY. THESE CONTRAST BETWEEN COLOUR SHOWS THAT NO MATTER HOW DARK THEIR LIFE IS OR ABOUT TO GET DUE TO THE RIVALRY BETWEEN FAMILY, THEY HAVE EACH OTHER BUT ALSO COULD MEAN THAT THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF DARKNESS SINCE THEIR FIRST MEETING WAS AT NIGHT AS WELL AND THEIR LOVE IS A GAUDED SECRET.



1 THE RIVALRY EXIST
BETWEEN THE
MONTAGUES AND
CAPULETS OF
VERONA , ITALY

2 The original title of the play
was The Most Excellent and
Lamentable Tragedy of
Romeo and Juliet

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Although Shakespeare is credited with
the tale, he most certainly based Romeo
and Juliet off of Arthur Brooke's The
Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet



FUN FACTS

