

Romeo and Juliet

Characters

Romeo
Juliet
Mercutio
Benvolio
Paris
The Prince
Friar Lawrence
The Nurse
Lord and Lady Capulet
Lord and Lady Montague
Tybalt
Rosaline
The Servants
The Chorus

Themes

Aggression/Violence
Love
Women
Nature
Light and Dark
Fate
Religion
Power and Control
Relationships
Hate
Loyalty, honour and respect

Context

Shakespeare
Elizabethan Times
Parents and Children
Treatment of Women
Wet Nurse
Catholicism/Protestantism
The Italian Wars
Fate and Astronomical Guidance
Petrarch
Marriage
The Four Humours
Pastimes (incl. fencing)

Language

Dramatic Irony
Prologue
Stage Craft
Figurative Language

Literary Style

Sonnets
Soliloquy