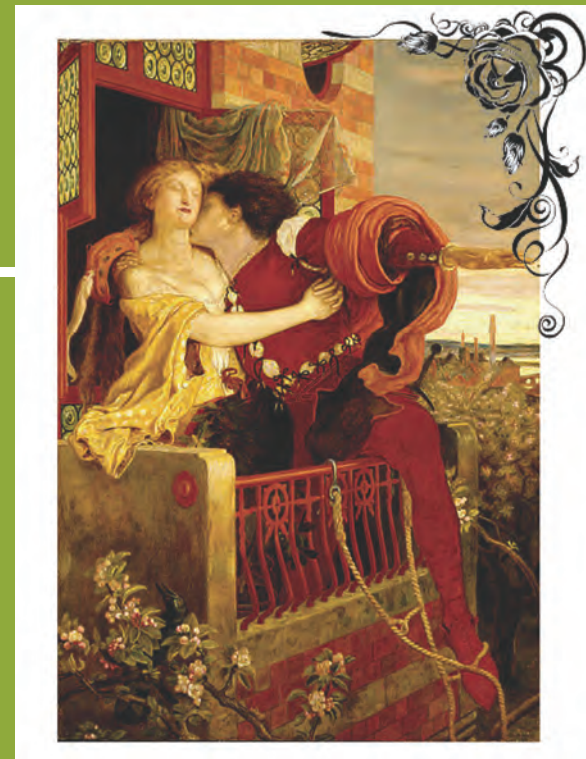


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Romeo and Juliet



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ROMEO AND JULIET

by William Shakespeare

„These violent delights have violent ends“

The End



The play begins in old Verona.

The Montagues and Capulets – two old noble families – are fighting again!



Juliet drinks a strong sleeping potion so her family will think she is dead. Her family want her to marry another man but she wants to run away to be with Romeo. In confusion, Romeo is told that she is dead and returns to Verona. He sees Juliet lying in the Capulet`s church.

ROMEO O my love, my wife!

He kisses Juliet, then gets out some poison he has bought.

*ROMEO Here`s to my love!
(He drinks and sinks down.)*

Juliet rises and kneels down beside the dead Romeo.

People are approaching the church. She hears shouts and cries.

JULIET A noise? Then I`ll be quick.

*She takes Romeo`s dagger. O happy dagger, let me die.
She stabs herself and falls into the arms of the dead Romeo. Now she too is dead.*





VOICES Down with the Capulets! Down with the Montagues!
They fight and there is a lot of damage.

CITIZEN A plague on both your houses!



Romeo visits his friend Friar Lawrence and asks him to marry Juliet and himself in secret.

He agrees and later Romeo and Juliet return and are married. But then they must go back to their families.

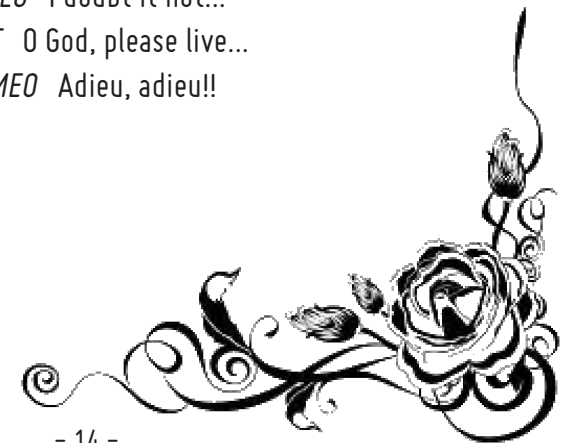
Later Romeo is walking through the town with his friend Mercutio. They meet some of the Capulets, including Tybalt. They fight and Tybalt kills Mercutio. Romeo then kills Tybalt and must run away. He must leave Verone, but first he visits Juliet.

JULIET Do you think we will ever meet again?

ROMEO I doubt it not...

JULIET O God, please live...

ROMEO Adieu, adieu!!





Later on, Romeo reads in a newspaper that the Capulets are going to have a party where everyone must wear a mask. No one will know that he is a Montague.





Juliet is upset. But she and Romeo talk to each other and fall in love until Romeo must leave. ... But the next night he returns to the Capulet`s house and climbs into the garden. He looks up at a balcony, where Juliet appears.

JULIET O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo? Deny your father and refuse your name...It is just your name that is my enemy. What`s in a name? That`s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet.

Romeo appears underneath the balcony and speaks.

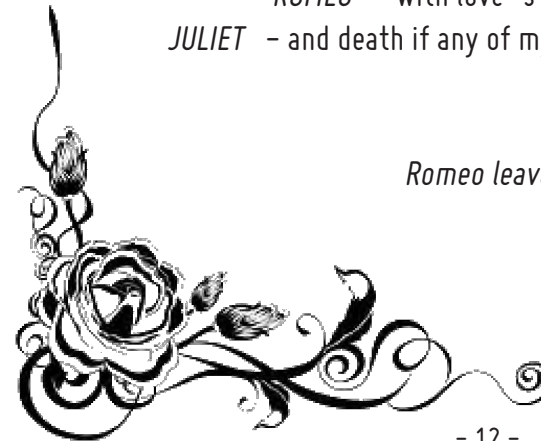
ROMEO I take you at your word! Call me love and I`ll never be Romeo!

JULIET How did you get here? The garden walls are high and hard to climb.

ROMEO - with love`s light wings -

JULIET - and death if any of my family find you here!

Romeo leaves.





CAPULET Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, dance... come musicians, play!
Romeo is in the house enjoying the party. Suddenly he sees a girl. Juliet. He turns to a servant standing next to him.

ROMEO What lady`s that?

SERVANT I know not, Sir.

ROMEO Did my heart love till now? I never saw true beauty till this night.



At the same time, on the other side of the room.

JULIET Nurse, who's he that is now going out of the door.

NURSE His name is Romeo, and a Montague, the only son of your great enemy.

Romeo and Juliet

A lot of the language in Romeo and Juliet is very different from modern English.

After all, Shakespeare lived 500 years ago, and just think of all the other things that have changed during the last 500 years.

Can you match these phrases with the modern expressions?

1. Good morrow.	O A <i>Hurry up.</i>
2. Right glad I am.	O B <i>Where have you been?</i>
3. Make haste.	O C <i>Good morning.</i>
4. Where hast thou been?	O D <i>Go away.</i>
5. Good e`en.	O E <i>What do you want?</i>
6. What is your will?	O F <i>I think.</i>
7. Get you gone.	O G <i>Good evening.</i>
8. Methinks.	O H <i>I`m very happy.</i>

Romeo and Juliet

The Story:

Romeo`s family, the Montagues, and Juliet`s family, the Capulets, are bitter enemies.

Juliet`s family has plans for her - she should marry Paris -
but Juliet meets Romeo and they fall in love.

A priest tries to help them and they get secretly married.

But then Romeo kills Tybalt, Juliet`s cousin, in a fight and he has to go into exile.

Juliet drinks a magic potion she gets from the priest and everyone thinks that she is dead.

The plan is that she will wake up again after some time and escape with Romeo.

But Romeo believes that she is really dead and kills himself.




When Juliet wakes up and sees the dead Romeo she kills herself, too.



Star-Crossed Lovers

It`s All in the Stars!

Whose horoscope is this?

LEO 10 October	LEO 11 October	LEO 15 October
 <p>Venus promises you a wonderful time. You will meet the love of your life. A day full of surprises. Your friends will play a role , but you have enemies.</p>	 <p>You will be on cloud nine today. Somebody really loves you. But you must think about the future. Do not forget that you have enemies.</p>	 <p>Try not to get angry. This will be a very difficult day for you. Do not believe everything you hear because it is not always true. Be careful.</p>

Whose horoscope is this?

Virgo 10 October	VIRGO 11 October	VIRGO 15 October
 <p>You will fall in love today. But you cannot really be happy because this person is from a family your parents do not like. You must be very strong today.</p>	 <p>Your wildest dreams will come true today. But do not forget your family. They have plans for you. A nice person will try to help you.</p>	 <p>Be careful. This will be a very important day. It will change your life but you must be brave. Do not get nervous. Then you and your love will win the game.</p>

A Town at Shakespeare`s Time



There are quite a few things that were not yet around when Shakespeare was alive 500 years ago.

This picture shows 5 things people did not have at that time. Can you find them?

Answers

These are the answers: They had no buses and therefore no bus stops. There were no aeroplane s. Coke (Coca Cola) was not yet there. There was no television and therefore no antennas

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272 me William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare

Born: 1564 in Stratford upon Avon

Died: 1616 in Stratford upon Avon

Career: Actor and writer , lived most of his life in London

His theatre in London: The Globe Theatre

Famous Plays:

- **Hamlet**
- **Macbeth**
- **Romeo and Juliet**
- **Julius Caesar**
- **A Midsummer Night`s Dream**

The Big Shakespeare QUIZ

True or False?

William Shakespeare was born in London.

He was an actor and writer.

Shakespeare died in Stratford upon Avon.

He made a film called *Romeo and Juliet*.

His most famous play is Hamlet.

Shakespeare lived in London for a long time.

His plays were shown on television.

He worked for the Globe Theatre in Stratford.

