



ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF CHARACTER AND MOTIVATION

- Listen to the blog that the actor playing Romeo has posted. He says Romeo is like a 'fish out of water' and not very 'street' at the start of the play. Do you agree? Think about Act 1 Scene 1 lines 150 – 232 and tweet how you think he should show Romeo behaving at the start of the play.
- Look at Juliet's 'Wall' on the web-site. You will see that there are quotes selected from different scenes that tell the story of her role in the play but they stop at Act 3. Suggest some quotes from later in the play that tell the rest of her story
- Listen to the blog the actor playing Tybalt has posted. He says that Tybalt makes 'wrong choices' during the play and that he only sees things in 'black and white'. Read Act 1 Scene 5 lines 54 – 92 where he recognises Romeo at the ball. Write a tweet giving his thoughts at this point in the play. Now read Act 3 Scene 1 lines 53 – 81 and write another tweet about how he feels when he sees Romeo and then starts to fight Mercutio.
- Read Act 3 Scene 1 lines 137 – 193 the scene where Lady Capulet hears that her nephew Tybalt has been killed. Read the Lady Capulet's 'Agony Aunt' entry on the web-site and write an answer to her problem of wanting justice for Tybalt's death as if you were the agony aunt.
- On the web-site find the second blog posted by the actor who is playing Juliet. As you listen to the blog notice how she describes the different ways Juliet behaves during the play. She explains that when she is with her parents she is very formal and serious but she behaves in a 'freer and more relaxed' way with Romeo and with her Nurse. Find examples in the
- Listen to the second blog posted by the actor who is playing Romeo in the play. Notice how the actor describes the way that the young people in the play 'do things quickly' and 'don't worry about the consequences' of their actions. What evidence can you find in the play that supports the actor's view that the younger characters make quick decisions and have little thought of the consequences of their actions.



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- In her second blog, the actor who is playing Juliet describes some of her costumes during the play. Listen to the blog and notice that she explains that in one scene she has her school uniform. Why do you think that the director of the play has decided to have a school uniform for Juliet?