

Romeo and Juliet Newspaper Assignment

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You will research information on Elizabethan times to help create an authentic newspaper from that era. Remember this is a newsletter published in Elizabethan times so it has to be written as if you were there. You may either work on your own or with a partner. Please be wise when picking your partner.
2. In it you are to write articles about the events depicted in Romeo and Juliet. You must include 4 news stories, one needs to be the headline story. (two depicting major events of the play, and another two covering minor events).
 1. Prince Escalus orders peace amongst the Capulets and Montagues or there will be big trouble
 2. Romeo and Juliet meet at a Capulet party
 3. Romeo and Juliet get married
 4. Tybalt kills Mercutio and Romeo kills Tybalt
 5. Romeo is banished
 6. Friar Lawrence comes up with a plan to give Juliet poison that will make her seem dead and then for Romeo to be contacted to be told of the plan.
 7. Juliet takes poison and all the Capulets think she is dead.
 8. The message from Friar Lawrence does not reach Romeo but Romeo does hear that Juliet is dead.
 9. Romeo sees Juliet dead and kills himself
 10. Juliet sees Romeo and kills herself



3. The articles need to be written as newspaper articles:



Content

- * The five W's
 - Who? - Who was involved?
 - What? - What happened (what's the story)?
 - Where? - Where did it take place?
 - When? - When did it take place?
 - Why? - Why did it happen?
 - How? - How did it happen?
- * What's important and why

Article Style

- * First paragraph captures readers attention
- * Include quotes from individuals
- * Conclude with questions, prediction or personal
- * Comment
- * Put yourself in the place of a reporter! Don't just write a paragraph!

Articles may combine written and artistic work and should be NEAT and LEGIBLE. Each article should be based on FACT, and supported with evidence from the play..

4. Your finished work should be at least four pages in length and include at least 6 other formats from the list below. (You can't just have all articles or all 'fun' formats. Mix it up!)
 - * Horoscope
 - * Crossword
 - * Comics
 - * Interview
 - * Top news story
 - * Fashion
 - * Editorial
 - * Wordsearch
 - * Recipe
 - * Social notice
 - * Advertisements (series of 4)
 - * Obituaries (series of 4)
 - * Letter to the editor
 - * Map
 - * Poem
5. The bulk of your newspaper should be **made up of writing**. You may choose to word process or print neatly.
6. Your finished work must include:
 - * A title
 - * Catchy headlines
 - * Colour illustrations
 - * Articles written in a column format
 - * a date
7. Some suggestions for items are:
 - A wedding announcement for Paris and Juliet
 - An advice column where Juliet writes in for advice about her forbidden love for Romeo
 - An obituary that includes all characters who die in the play
 - Classified ads that are advertising things that are in the story such as: Romeo's dagger, the apothecary's poison, Friar Lawrence's herbs, etc.
 - A comic strip
 - A crossword puzzle using the characters' names
 - An editorial on the events
 - include two photos shot by a reporter
9. Evaluation
 - * Does the newsletter show evidence of a thorough understanding of the topics mentioned above
 - * Is the paper written in proper newspaper format? (i.e. columns, headline, sections)
 - * Are 4 different formats used?
 - * Does the paper look authentic?

Name(s): _____

Block: _____

Marks will be given for:

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 1. | Outline | /10 |
| 2. | Quality of work presented (evidence, quotes and creative) | /20 |
| 3. | Content (accurate, varied, well developed, good details) | /35 |
| 4. | Presentation | /15 |
| | a. Does it look like a newsletter? | |
| | b. Is it well written, spelled correctly? | |
| | c. Is the material in your own words or is it copied directly from a book? | |

TOTAL MARKS /80

DUE DATE: _____

