**Week 9 – Year 9 English Home Learning**

**Romeo & Juliet by William Shakespeare**

**Section A: The Characters in Romeo & Juliet**

**Task 1:**

**Match the characters to their description (look back at BBC Bitesize if you need to).**

**Romeo Juliet Lord Capulet Lady Capulet Lord Montague**

**Tybalt Mercutio Benvolio Nurse**

**Friar Lawrence Lady Montague Paris**

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| **Description** | **Character** |
| a) The wife of the powerful Montague. She is a loving mother who cherishes her son. . |  |
| b) Kinsman (relative) of the Prince and close friend to Romeo and the Montagues. This character overflows with imagination and wit. He is killed by Tybalt |  |
| c) The heroine and one of the protagonists (main characters) of *Romeo and Juliet*. She is the thirteen-year-old daughter of Capulet and begins the play as a naïve and gentle girl, obedient to her parents. |  |
| d) Cousin to Juliet. He becomes aggressive, violent, and quick to draw his sword when he feels his pride has been injured. |  |
| e) The patriarch (man in charge) of the Capulet family and enemy of [Montague](javascript:ScrollingPopup('http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/terms/char_9.html',%20'6a6d70ccc2',%20'500',%20'500')). He commands respect and is liable to fly into a rage when it is lacking. |  |
| f) A woman who married young and gave birth at close to the age of fourteen. This character is eager to see her daughter married well- to [Paris](javascript:ScrollingPopup('http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/terms/char_11.html',%20'982f42796d',%20'500',%20'500')). |  |
| g) The woman who has looked after Juliet. A vulgar, long-winded, and sentimental character, she frequently makes inappropriate remarks and speeches. |  |
| h) Friend to both Romeo and Juliet. He secretly marries the young lovers in the hope that the union might bring peace to Verona. |  |
| i) A young nobleman and kinsman to the Prince. He is handsome and courteous and wants to marry Juliet. |  |
| j) The hero and one of the protagonists of *Romeo and Juliet*. This character is the son of Old Montague. A romantic character, he is at first in love with Lord Capulet's niece, Rosaline. |  |
| k) Nephew of Montague and friend to Romeo. He is a thoughtful character who makes a genuine effort to defuse (calm down) violent scenes in public places. |  |
| l) . This character is the bitter enemy of [Capulet](javascript:ScrollingPopup('http://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/romeojuliet/terms/char_7.html',%20'd29c517dee',%20'500',%20'500')) and a concerned father to his son. |  |

**Task 2:**

1. **Make a list of all the Capulet family members**
2. **Make a list of all the Montague family members**
3. **Make a list of anyone related to the Prince**
4. **Who do you think is going to be most to blame for the death of Romeo and Juliet and why?**

**Section B: Social and Historical Background**

1. **Watch the video about the social and historical background of Romeo and Juliet** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsG1Y_BTjTc>

**Write down 5 key points that you now know about the background to Romeo and Juliet.**

**Extension:** You could do some more of your own research on these key points and produce a leaflet giving more detail.