

Romeo and Juliet / West Side Story Work Sheet

I. Compare the characters in West Side Story with those in Romeo and Juliet by matching each with its closest counterpart.

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| <u>O</u> 1 Capulet | A. Tony |
| <u>O</u> 2 Montague | B. Maria |
| <u>O</u> 3 Lady Capulet | C. Riff |
| <u>O</u> 4. Lady Montague | D. Ice |
| <u>F</u> 5. Nurse | E. Bernardo |
| <u>A</u> 6. Romeo | F. Anita |
| <u>B</u> 7. Juliet | G. Doc |
| <u>C</u> 8. Benvolio | H. Officer Krupke |
| <u>E</u> 9. Tybalt | I. Lt. Schrenk |
| <u>C</u> 10. Mercutio | J. Chino |
| <u>G</u> 11. Friar Laurence | K. Baby John |
| <u>L</u> 12. Balthasar | L. Anybodys |
| <u>J</u> 13. Paris | M. Shark guys |
| <u>H I</u> 14. Prince Escalus | N. Jet guys |
| <u>M</u> 15. Capulets | O. None of these |
| <u>N</u> 16. Montagues | |

II. Below are listed some of the more important plot developments in Romeo and Juliet. Next to each, describe the corresponding scenes in West Side Story. If there is none, write that on the line.

1) The opening fight between the Capulets and Montagues:
Fight between Sharks and Jets

2) Romeo is not involved in the fight: Tony wasn't either

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3) Prince Escalus stopping the fight and issuing a threatening sentence:
When the officer and Lt. say they will take them in

4) Paris trying to get permission to marry Juliet:

Chino getting permission to marry Maria

5) Introduction to Juliet as she gets ready to attend the Capulets' party—thinking of love and marriage.

Anita and Maria are in the dress shop talking about love and marriage

6) Romeo convinced by Benvolio to attend the Capulet party: Riff convinces Tony to go to the dance

7) Mercutio's Queen Mab speech:
None

8) Romeo's feeling that something special will happen at the dance (even though it may cause his death): The song "Something's coming"

9) At the party, Romeo and Juliet meet, dance, and talk:
At gym, Tony and Maria meet

10) Tybalt sees Romeo and wants to fight him: Bernardo sees Tony and wants to fight him

11) Romeo and Juliet discover each other's identities: Bernardo and Riff
Tell Tony and Maria who they are

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12) Romeo losing his friends and entering the Capulet orchard to discover Juliet: Tony leaves the gym early

13) Balcony scene:

Tony and Maria on the fire escape

14) Romeo arranges the wedding with Friar Laurence: None

15) Romeo receives a challenge from Tybalt: Tony receives a challenge from Bernardo

16) Romeo receives Juliet's message from the Nurse and sends one back: None

17) Wedding scene:

Wedding scene was in the Dress shop

18) Word exchange between Mercutio and Tybalt (before Romeo's arrival):
In drug store Riff and Bernardo talk

19) Romeo is insulted by Tybalt but refuses to fight because of Juliet:
Tony is slapped around by Bernardo

20) Mercutio steps in to fight Tybalt because of the insults; he is killed by Tybalt: 1) None 2) Riff is killed by Bernardo

21) Romeo fights Tybalt and kills him:
Tony kills Bernardo

22) The Prince sentences Romeo to banishment: None

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23) Juliet is told what has happened by the Nurse: Anita tells Maria that Riff and Bernardo are killed.

24) Romeo, very upset, awaits the results of the sentencing at Friar Laurence's: Tony waits in Doc's cellar.

25) Romeo goes to comfort Juliet (and be forgiven): Tony goes to Maria's place and is forgiven

26) Capulet gives Paris permission to marry Juliet; Juliet's mother tells her — Juliet is very upset, has no friends at home, so she chooses to seek help outside: None

27) Juliet goes to Friar Laurence and receives help: None

28) Juliet makes up with her parents, she then, in spite of doubts, takes the potion: None

29) Juliet is found "dead" and is buried: None

30) Romeo is told that Juliet is dead; he obtains poison and rides to the graveyard: Anita tells Tony that Maria is dead and Tony goes to find Chino who will kill him.



31) Friar Laurence discovers his letter has not been delivered and heads for the tomb: Maria sees that the message didn't get through.
None

32) Romeo kills Paris, enters the tomb, grieves and bids farewell to life, takes the poison, and dies:
Tony wants to die, sees Maria, and is shot.

33) Friar Laurence arrives and discovers the bodies: None

34) Juliet awakens and sees Romeo's body: Maria is with Tony when he dies

35) Friar Laurence panics and leaves; Juliet, desperate with grief, stabs herself with Romeo's daggers:
None

36) The Prince, Capulets, and Montagues see what they have accomplished; the two families make up:
The cops, the Jets, and the Sharks see what they did and made up.

III. Compare and Contrast:

1. What major events occur in Romeo and Juliet but not in West Side Story? Juliet fakes dying and then dies, Maria doesn't have much of a problem dealing with marrying China.

Fr. Laurence didn't play a big part in WSS. Also part where the potion is taken is left out.

2. What major events occur in West Side Story but not in Romeo and Juliet? Maria didn't kill herself, Fr. Laurence didn't take a major part like Doc

3. Why did the movie change the plot (in your opinion)?

Maria would have really had to love Tony very much to kill herself. It wouldn't be popular for her to do this. Also the plot was changed to make up for the different times