

Romeo and Juliet / West Side Story Work Sheet B

I. What is the setting ² of the movie?
NYC

II. West Side Story is done as a musical. Below, the major musical selections are listed. Explain how each helps to develop the plot or reveals information to the audience.

1. Prologue: It shows that this is in a tough city and it has tough gangs who don't like each other.

2. Jet Song: It showed that the Jets were loyal and devoted to the group.

3. Something's Coming: Something is going to happen

4. The Dance at the Gym: Continues Rivalry between gangs and shows Tony meeting Maria.

5. Maria: Tony falls in love with Maria

6. Tonight (duet) They have found each other and are happy together

7. America: They tell about the good and bad points of the U.S., freedom, Puerto Rican's view

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³ 8. One Hand, One Heart: There are pretending to be married

² 9. I Feel Pretty: She is happy because Tony will be coming

¹ 10. Officer Krupke: They are saying that they are under privileged

⁴ 11. Tonight (Quintet): The gangs are going to fight each other and Tony, Maria, and others are going to meet each other

⁵ 12. The Rumble: The 2 gangs meet and fight each other.

13. Cool: They don't want to tell the cops and to avoid this and other fights, they should be cool

14. Somewhere: They said that somewhere else they will understand each other better.

15. A Boy Like That: She says that since he is a killer and an American, Maria should find someone else.

16. I Have a Love: Maria still loves Tony no matter what he did.

17. Finale (final song) : They said
that when they meet again, they will
be happy

III. General Questions:

1. How do you know at the end of West Side Story that the gangs have made up? They appear to
feel sorry for Maria since she
lost Tony

2. How do you know at the end of Romeo and Juliet that the two families have made up?
They agree to make gold
statues of Romeo and Juliet
for each others family.

3. The endings of each of these stories are different. Which ending did you prefer? Why?
Romeo and Juliet because
it taught each family a lesson.
They now can live in peace with
each other, but there will always
be ~~fight~~ fights with U.S. and Puerto Ricans

4. If you had written Romeo and Juliet, how would you have ended it? I would have ended
it the same way because its
ending proved a point. It was a
strong ending.

5. If you had written West Side Story, how would you have ended it? The same way because
it was more believable like that
way

6. What was your opinion of West Side Story? (use all lines)
It was a good story. I liked the
songs lyrics as they really re-
flected the moods and feelings
of the characters. One thing I
didn't like was that sometimes, but
not always, they sang a little much.
As for the characters, I think
that they all fit into the same
places as Romeo and Juliet. The
story pointed out the bigotry and
discrimination of the Americans
in the early 50's and how it is go-
ing on today.

7. What was your opinion of Romeo and Juliet? (use all lines)
Romeo and Juliet was a strong
story of love and feelings. I
thought it was a good play because
it had a conflict between the two
families. One thing that I didn't like
about Romeo and Juliet was the lan-
guage. Back in the older days, it was
alright to talk like that, but the lan-
guage usage in WSS was more modern.
Still, Romeo and Juliet should teach
us a lesson in modern day life not to
make the same mistakes twice, or
it could happen again. Tony, Romeo
and Juliet, along with Tony and Maria,
seemed like real people.