

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

2) Romeo is not involved in the fight:

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Date _____ Period _____

3) Prince Escalus stopping the fight and issuing a threatening sentence:

4) Paris trying to get permission to marry Juliet:

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

6) Romeo convinced by Benvolio to attend the Capulet party:

7) Mercutio's Queen Mab speech:

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

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

10) Tybalt sees Romeo and wants to fight him:

11) Romeo and Juliet discover each other's identities:

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12) Romeo losing his friends and entering the Capulet orchard to discover Juliet:

13) Balcony scene:

14) Romeo arranges the wedding with Friar Laurence:

15) Romeo receives a challenge from Tybalt:

16) Romeo receives Juliet's message from the Nurse and sends one back:

17) Wedding scene:

18) Word exchange between Mercutio and Tybalt (before Romeo's arrival):

19) Romeo is insulted by Tybalt but refuses to fight because of Juliet:

20) Mercutio steps in to fight Tybalt because of the insults; he is killed by Tybalt:

21) Romeo fights Tybalt and kills him:

22) The Prince sentences Romeo to banishment:

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23) Juliet is told what has happened by the Nurse:

24) Romeo, very upset, awaits the results of the sentencing at Friar Laurence's:

25) Romeo goes to comfort Juliet (and be 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:

27) Juliet goes to Friar Laurence and receives help:

28) Juliet makes up with her parents; she then, in spite of doubts, takes the potion:

29) Juliet is found "dead" and is buried:

30) Romeo is told that Juliet is dead; he obtains poison and rides to the graveyard:

31) Friar Laurence discovers his letter has not been delivered and heads for the tomb:

32) Romeo kills Paris, enters the tomb, grieves and bids farewell to life, takes the poison, and dies:

33) Friar Laurence arrives and discovers the bodies:

34) Juliet awakens and sees Romeo's body:

35) Friar Laurence panics and leaves; Juliet, desperate with grief, stabs herself with Romeo's daggers:

36) The Prince, Capulets, and Montagues see what they have accomplished; the two families make up:

2. What major events occur in West Side Story but not in Romeo and Juliet?

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

III. Compare and Contrast:

1. What major events occur in Romeo and Juliet but not in West Side Story?