*Romeo and Juliet* Essay

**Prompt:** Throughout the play, we get a good look at a number of characters and how their actions influence the tragic ending. While many characters play a role in the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, some are more to blame than others. In a concession essay, who is the most to blame for their deaths? Choose from the following list:

Romeo and Juliet

Friar Laurence and Nurse

The Capulets

The Montagues

Fate

You may keep the characters grouped or split them up as long as it works and you are able to provide evidence to support your choice. You will admit that one character (or group) is partially to blame, but then argue that another character (or group) is ultimately to blame.

**Requirements:** Your paper must **follow all MLA guidelines** (I will not grade poorly formatted papers). Your paper should include an introduction, a conclusion, and body paragraphs. You need to incorporate **at least three quotes** from the book to strengthen your body paragraphs and a **works cited page**. Use TEAL plan to organize your body paragraphs.

**Due Dates and Points:** This essay is worth **120 points** (10/10/100 – There are three elements) which will be broken down into three grades. You will have three to four days in class in which to prewrite and draft. You will NOT be able to move on to the rough draft until you have completed your prewrite handout and I have approved it. The rough draft will be due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_You will turn this in **electronically** by **submitting it on Microsoft Teams**. Turn in your prewrite in hard-copy. The final draft will most likely be due one week after I return rough drafts.

**For your final draft-** Your final draft will need to include **bolded changes**. Students who turned in a rough draft and don't have bolded changes in their final will receive the same grade as their rough draft.

Structure

Introduction:

You will need a complete introduction.

* STAMPy hook
* Title and author
* A short plot summary emphasizing that they die and it could have been prevented.

Thesis: Since this is a concession essay, you will admit that one character (or pair of characters) is partially to blame, but this other character (or pair of characters) is the most to blame. Use the template from your villain essay if you cannot remember this format.

Body 1: Concession - why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is only *partially* to blame

This is your concession paragraph. Do not forget to follow TEAL plan, have a good topic sentence, and provide evidence from the text. Look at your villain essay for structure examples.

Body 2: Reason 1 why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is ultimately to blame

Do not forget to follow TEAL plan, have a good topic sentence (think about your transition), and provide evidence from the text.

Body 3: Reason 2 why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is ultimately to blame

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Conclusion

Only provide 1-2 sentences of summary. After that, discuss why it is important to know who is the most to blame for their deaths. What might have happened if they changed their actions? Could this connect to the real world?

Works Cited Information:

Works Cited

Shakespeare, William. “Romeo and Juliet.” *Collections*. Edited by Kylene Beers et al. Orlando: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. 183-278.