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Romeo and Juliet Evidence Gathering

As we read *Romeo and Juliet,* you will be filling out this chart to determine who is ultimately to blame for Romeo and Juliet's deaths. Think of this like a murder mystery – you are the detective gathering clues. You need to include the reason AND the textual evidence (complete with page number) so that you have that information for your essay.

Romeo and Juliet

Romeo knows something bad will happen but goes to the party anyway (1.4.106-7)

Didn’t tell their parents about the marriage/love – when Friar marries them “you shall not stay alone / Till Holy Church incorporate two in one” (2.6.36-7) p. 226

Juliet’s ignorance/blind love – when she discovers Romeo killed Tybalt “’Romeo is banished’ - / There is no end, no limit, measure, bound, / In that word’s death; no words can that woe sound” (3.2.124-6). P237 (or you could use something maybe from the balcony scene?)

Romeo’s banishment/he killed Tybalt – the prince “And for that offense / Immediately we do exile him hence” (3.1.179-80) p. 233 (or you could use when Romeo actually slays Tybalt or when he learns of his punishment)

Faking of Juliet’s death (think it through, woman!) – “Romeo, I come! this do I drink to thee” (4.3.58) p.259

Romeo knew she was a Capulet/Juliet knew Montague - “His name is Romeo, and a Montague, / The only son of your great enemy” (1.5.134-5) 204 (or could use feud evidence from Montague section)

Performed the act themselves – Romeo “Come, bitter conduct; come, unsavory guide…here’s to my love! [*drinks*]” (5.3.116-9). Juliet “This is thy sheath; there rust, and let me die [*she stabs herself and falls*]” (5.3.170-1) p.274

Friar Laurence and Nurse (their parent "figures")

Friar gave Juliet the sleeping potion (risky plan) – “Take thou this vial, being thou in bed, / And this distilled liquor drinks thou off” (4.1.93-4) 255

Friar married them secretly – “ you shall not stay alone / Till Holy Church incorporate two in one” (2.6.36-7) p. 226

Nurse urged Juliet to marry Paris – “ I think it best you married with the County” (3.3.218) 251

Nurse agreed to wedding and kept secret – “Then hie you hence to Friar Laurence’ cell; / There stays a husband to make you a wife” (2.5.66-7) 225

Friar didn’t deliver letter himself – Friar admits that it was very important “Unhappy fortune! By my brotherhood, / The letter was not nice, but full of charge, / Of dear important, and the neglecting it / May do much danger” (5.2.17-20)

Friar lied to parents and people continuously – “Heaven in yourself / Had part in this fair maid! now heaven hath all” (4.5.66-67) 262

Should have been to the tomb earlier – “But when I came, some minute ere the time / of her awaking, here untimely lay / the noble Paris and true Romeo dead” (5.3.157-9) p277

Should have stayed with Juliet – “Go get thee hence for I will not obey [exit Friar]” (5.3.160) 274

The Montagues (Romeo's actual parents)

The feud – “Is she a Capulet? / O dear account! My life is my foe’s debt” (1.5.116-7) “My only love, sprung from my only hate!” (1.5.136-7) p. 204 (or you can use the prologue)

Neglectful parents – They know Romeo has been sad (think Rosaline), but they let him continue to wander and have Benvolio talk to him instead.

The Capulets (Juliet's actual parents)

The Feud – see above

The arranged marriage to Paris / ill-treatment – “fettle your fine joints ‘gainst Thursday next / To go with Paris to Saint Peter’s Church, / Or I will drag thee on a hurdle thither” (3.5.153-5) p.248

Neglectful parents – The nurse takes care of Juliet more than her own parents do and Juliet’s mom is even nervous to be around her “Nurse, give leave awhile, / We must talk in secret. Nurse, come back again; / I have remembered me, thou’s hear our counsel” (1.3.8-10)

Moving up the wedding – “I’ll have this knot knit up tomorrow morning” (4.3.24) p.257

Fate (destiny, the stars)

Fate against them from the beginning – “a pair of star-crossed lovers take their life” (1.prologue.6) p.183

Romeo’s dream and bad feeling – “for my mind misgives some consequence, yet hanging in the stars (1.4.106-7) p. 200

Mercutio’s curse – “A plague O’ both your houses!” (3.1.85) p.231

Juliet’s bad feeling when Romeo leaves for Mantua – “O God, I have an ill-divining soul! / methinks I see, now that thou art below, / As one dead in the bottom of a tomb!” (3.5.54-56). P.246

**\*\*Notes\*\* You are more than welcome to find your own reasons and change up the evidence you are using. Many of these reasons could be backed up with other facts from the book.**