

**UNIT 4 Temptation and Loss**  
**Drama Connections**

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AN INTRODUCTION TO  
ROMEO & JULIET (PART 1)

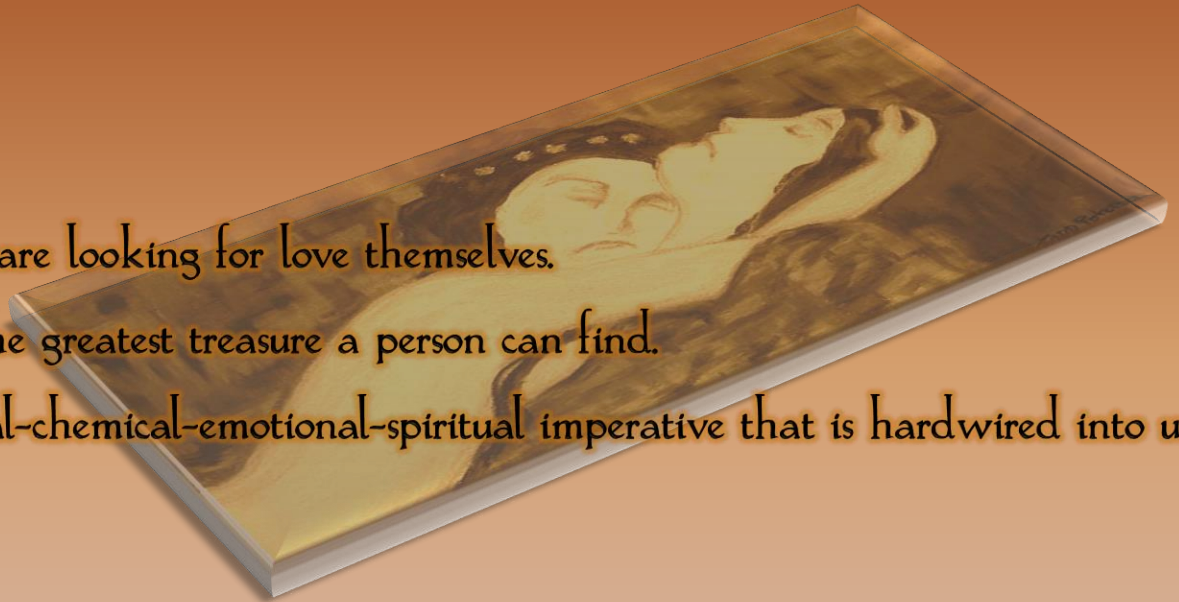
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# SPEAK YOUR MIND

Why is the quest for love such a popular aspect of literature and film?

- Because many people are looking for love themselves.
- Because it might be the greatest treasure a person can find.
- Because it's a biological-chemical-emotional-spiritual imperative that is hardwired into us.



# QUICK START QUESTION AGAIN!

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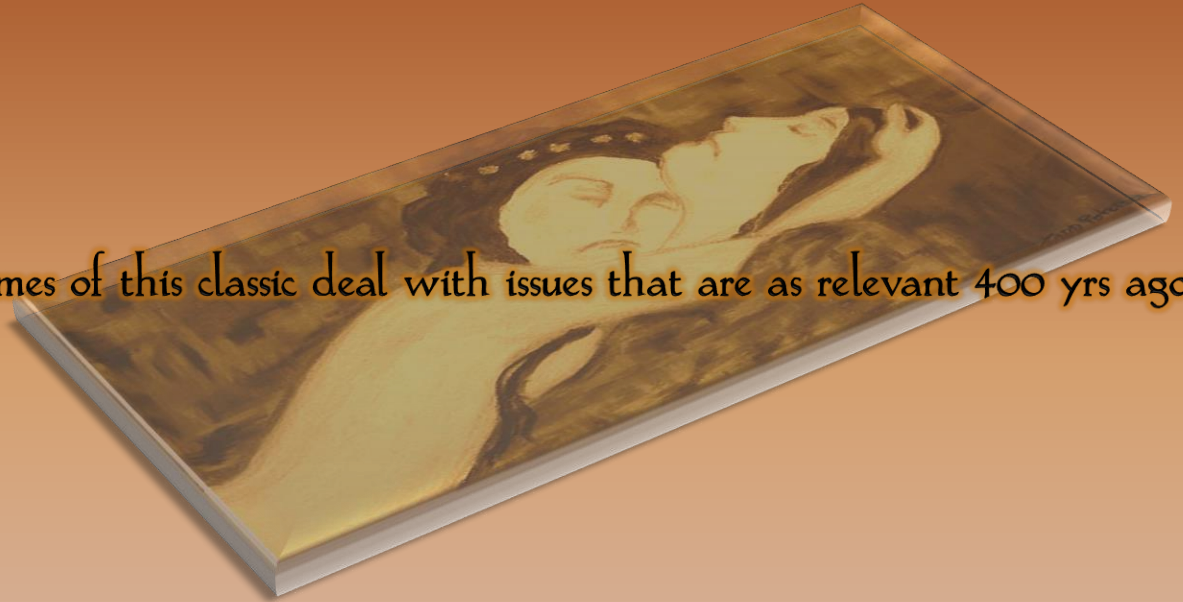
Because the major themes of this classic deal with issues that are as relevant 400 yrs ago as it is today:

- Parental authority
- The passions of youth
- The unfairness of inherited problems



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# LITERARY CONCEPT

## A Tragedy

Tragedy is a category of drama in which the protagonist is "brought down" by his/her own flaws, usually by ordinary human flaws – flaws like greed, over-ambition, or even an excess of love, honor, or loyalty. The end result is usually the death or ruin of this character.

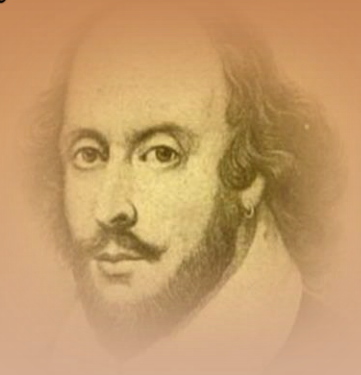


# ABOUT THE TRAGEDY

What was William Shakespeare's inspiration for his famous play *Romeo and Juliet*?

The story of *Romeus and Juliet* was an Italian folk story. It was written down as a poem "*Romeus and Juliet*" by Arthur Brooke in 1562 and as a prose story, "*The Palace of Pleasure*", by William Painter in 1582. Probably the oldest work to inspire this play is the myth of "*Pyramus and Thisbe*".

Shakespeare's play "*Romeo and Juliet*" was written about 1591.



# FOR REAL! KIND OF...

Romeo and Juliet is based on actual events that happened in Verona in 1303. You can actually visit Juliet's house today and see her statue. He wrote the play about that but he developed some characters. Particularly *Mercutio*.

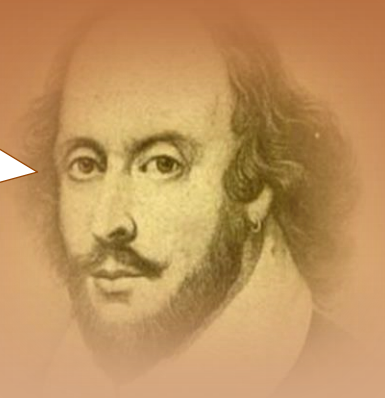
Shakespeare's inspiration for his play was the poem "The Tragicall Historie of Romeus and Juliet." Written by Arthur Brooke it was a translation of Italian Matteo Bandello's original story "Giulietta e Romeo". Both works illustrated the love story of two real people who lived in Verona. Shakespeare's main source was Brooke's poem; not Bandello's original.

# Student Poll

## Romeo and Juliet Opinionnaire

In your notebook, write numbers 1 to 10. State to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. Write at least one sentence defending each one of your positions. The statements address important themes found in *Romeo and Juliet*.

**Thou, haveth a  
task to  
engageth!**





1. The punishment for murder should always be death.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

2. Teenagers can't understand what true love really is.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

3. Killing someone in revenge for killing a close friend of yours is okay.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

4. Good friends should stick together at all times, no matter how wrong a friend may be.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

5. Parents should make the decisions about their children's lives.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

6. It is possible to fall in love at first sight.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

7. Telling lies or hiding the truth is acceptable for the right reasons.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

8. Family feuds only affect adults.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree



9. There are times when an arranged marriage is appropriate.

strongly agree

agree

neutral

disagree

strongly disagree

10. Love is a irresistible feeling that you can't control.

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# TALLY YOUR ANSWERS

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