
Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from *the prologue* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the audience are being informed of the story of *Romeo and Juliet*

	Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona, where we lay our scene, From ancient grudge break to new mutiny, Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
5	From forth the fatal loins of these two foes A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life; Whose misadventured piteous overthrows Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
10	The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love, And the continuance of their parents' rage, Which, but their children's end, nought could remove, Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage; The which if you with patient ears attend, What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.

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Starting with this extract, explain how Shakespeare presents violence and death as inevitable result of conflict.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents conflict in this extract
- how Shakespeare presents conflict in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question

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