

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from *Act 1 Scene 1* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Prince Escalus is trying to break up the fight between the Montagues and Capulets

	PRINCE
	Rebellious subjects, enemies to peace, Profaners of this neighbour-stained steel,-- Will they not hear? What, ho! you men, you beasts, That quench the fire of your pernicious rage
5	With purple fountains issuing from your veins, On pain of torture, from those bloody hands Throw your mistemper'd weapons to the ground, And hear the sentence of your moved prince. Three civil brawls, bred of an airy word,
10	By thee, old Capulet, and Montague, Have thrice disturb'd the quiet of our streets, And made Verona's ancient citizens Cast by their grave beseeming ornaments, To wield old partisans, in hands as old,
15	Canker'd with peace, to part your canker'd hate: If ever you disturb our streets again, Your lives shall pay the forfeit of the peace. For this time, all the rest depart away: You Capulet; shall go along with me:
20	And, Montague, come you this afternoon, To know our further pleasure in this case, To old Free-town, our common judgment-place. Once more, on pain of death, all men depart.

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Starting with this extract, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents the Prince as an effective ruler.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents the Prince's leadership in this extract
- how Shakespeare presents the Prince's leadership in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question