

## Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 3 Scene 1 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Tybalt has just fatally wounded Mercutio.

	<b>MERCUTIO</b>
5	No, 'tis not so deep as a well, nor so wide as a church-door; but 'tis enough, 'twill serve: ask for me to-morrow, and you shall find me a grave man. I am peppered, I warrant, for this world. A plague o' both your houses! 'Zounds, a dog, a rat, a mouse, a cat, to scratch a man to death! a braggart, a rogue, a villain, that fights by the book of arithmetic! Why the devil came you between us? I was hurt under your arm.
10	<b>ROMEO</b> I thought all for the best. <b>MERCUTIO</b> Help me into some house, Benvolio, Or I shall faint. A plague o' both your houses! They have made worms' meat of me: I have it, And soundly too: your houses! <b>Exeunt MERCUTIO and BENVOLIO</b>
15	<b>ROMEO</b> This gentleman, the prince's near ally, My very friend, hath got his mortal hurt In my behalf; my reputation stain'd With Tybalt's slander,--Tybalt, that an hour Hath been my kinsman! O sweet Juliet, 20 Thy beauty hath made me effeminate And in my temper soften'd valour's steel!
25	<b>Re-enter BENVOLIO</b> <b>BENVOLIO</b> O Romeo, Romeo, brave Mercutio's dead! That gallant spirit hath aspir'd the clouds, Which too untimely here did scorn the earth. <b>ROMEO</b> This day's black fate on more days doth depend; This but begins the woe, others must end.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents attitudes to honour.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents attitudes to honour in the extract.
- how Shakespeare presents attitudes to honour in the play as a whole.

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