

## Romeo and Juliet

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

At this point in the play the Friar Laurence is telling Romeo that the Prince has ruled he should be banished from Verona.

	<b>FRIAR LAURENCE</b>
	A gentler judgment vanish'd from his lips, Not body's death, but body's banishment.
	<b>ROMEO</b>
	Ha, banishment! be merciful, say 'death;' For exile hath more terror in his look,
5	Much more than death: do not say 'banishment.'
	<b>FRIAR LAURENCE</b>
	Hence from Verona art thou banished: Be patient, for the world is broad and wide.
	<b>ROMEO</b>
	There is no world without Verona walls, But purgatory, torture, hell itself.
10	Hence-banished is banish'd from the world, And world's exile is death: then banished, Is death mis-term'd: calling death banishment, Thou cutt'st my head off with a golden axe, And smilest upon the stroke that murders me.
	<b>FRIAR LAURENCE</b>
15	O deadly sin! O rude unthankfulness! Thy fault our law calls death; but the kind prince, Taking thy part, hath rush'd aside the law, And turn'd that black word death to banishment: This is dear mercy, and thou seest it not.
	<b>ROMEO</b>
20	'Tis torture, and not mercy: heaven is here, Where Juliet lives; and every cat and dog And little mouse, every unworthy thing, Live here in heaven and may look on her; But Romeo may not: more validity,
25	More honourable state, more courtship lives In carrion-flies than Romeo: they my seize On the white wonder of dear Juliet's hand And steal immortal blessing from her lips, Who even in pure and vestal modesty,
30	Still blush, as thinking their own kisses sin;

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

Write about:

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

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Turn over for the next question