

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 3 Scene 5 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Romeo and Juliet have consummated their marriage and Romeo must now flee.

	JULIET Then, window, let day in, and let life out.
	ROMEO Farewell, farewell! one kiss, and I'll descend. <i>He goeth down</i>
5	JULIET Art thou gone so? love, lord, ay, husband, friend! I must hear from thee every day in the hour, For in a minute there are many days: O, by this count I shall be much in years Ere I again behold my Romeo!
10	ROMEO Farewell! I will omit no opportunity That may convey my greetings, love, to thee.
	JULIET O think'st thou we shall ever meet again?
	ROMEO I doubt it not; and all these woes shall serve For sweet discourses in our time to come.
15	JULIET O God, I have an ill-divining soul! Methinks I see thee, now thou art below, As one dead in the bottom of a tomb: Either my eyesight fails, or thou look'st pale.
20	ROMEO And trust me, love, in my eye so do you: Dry sorrow drinks our blood. Adieu, adieu!

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Starting with this conversation, how does Shakespeare present Romeo and Juliet's differing attitudes to fate?

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Romeo and Juliet in this conversation.
- how Shakespeare presents Romeo and Juliet in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question

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