

Romeo and Juliet

Discussion – Who is responsible?

Romeo and Juliet is a tragedy, that is, a story that has an unhappy ending and shows us the main characters' problems and sometimes their destruction.

The police chief of Verona has decided that someone must be responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. He has asked you to decide who is responsible.

Work in groups. Look at the characters. Make notes about why they could be responsible for Romeo and Juliet's death. You can also include any other characters from the story.

Character(s)	Actions that make them responsible
<u>The Montagues</u> Romeo's parents Romeo's friends Romeo's best friend	<i>e.g. Romeo's parents were at war with the Capulets, so Romeo couldn't be with Juliet.</i>
<u>The Capulets</u> Juliet's parents Juliet's cousin Tybalt	
Friar Lawrence	

Romeo	
Juliet	
Anyone else?	

When you have made your list, decide who, if anyone, is responsible for the tragedy.

Now, change groups and share your ideas.