

Romeo and Juliet is an unusual tragedy, as it is not about a king or leader, but two teenagers who fall madly in love.

1. What does the phrase '**unusual tragedy**' tell us about this play?

In Verona, two rich families, the Montagues and the Capulets are feuding.

2. What does the word **feuding** mean in the sentence above?

But the message to Romeo goes astray, and he thinks she is really dead.

3. What does the word **astray** mean in the sentence above?

But when Romeo Montague and his friends gate-crash a Capulet party in disguise, he falls helplessly in love with Juliet Capulet.

What does the word **gate-crash** suggest about how Romeo and his friends enter the party?

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What does the word **idealism** suggest about the author's views on teenagers?

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He believes they are:

optimistic ☐

foolish ☐

quick-tempered ☐

curious ☐

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Which word is closest in meaning to **impulsiveness**?

insensitivity ☐

cruelty ☐

recklessness ☐

enthusiasm ☐

Look at the paragraph beginning: *But another fight breaks out...*

Find and copy one word that means the same as enthusiastic.

Find and copy one word that tells us Romeo had been sent away from the city and must never return.
