

Introduction (5 minutes)

Welcome to the *Romeo and Juliet* - Character Analysis worksheet! This activity is designed for 13-year-old students to explore the characters, themes, and relationships in William Shakespeare's timeless classic. Please read each question carefully and answer to the best of your ability.

Section 1: Character Traits (15 minutes)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are some key traits that describe Romeo's character? Use evidence from the play to support your answer.

2. How does Juliet's character change throughout the play? Provide examples from the text to illustrate your points.

3. What motivates Romeo and Juliet's actions throughout the play? Use quotes from the play to support your answer.

Section 2: Relationships (15 minutes)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe the relationship between Romeo and Juliet. How do they interact with each other, and what do their conversations reveal about their characters?

2. How does the feud between the Montagues and Capulets affect the relationships between the characters? Use examples from the play to support your answer.

3. What role do secondary characters, such as Friar Lawrence and the Nurse, play in the story? How do they influence the main characters?

Section 3: Themes (15 minutes)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the main theme of the play, and how is it developed throughout the story? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

2. How does the theme of love relate to the characters and their actions? Provide examples from the play to illustrate your points.

3. What message do you think Shakespeare is trying to convey through the tragic ending of the play? Use quotes from the play to support your answer.



Section 4: Analysis (15 minutes)

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Analyze the character of Tybalt. What motivates his actions, and how does he contribute to the plot?

2. How does the character of Lady Capulet relate to Juliet? What advice does she give, and how does it affect Juliet's decisions?

3. What symbolism can be found in the play, and how does it relate to the characters and themes?

Section 5: Creative Activity (15 minutes)

Create a visual project, such as a poster or infographic, that illustrates the relationships between the characters in *Romeo and Juliet*. Be sure to include quotes from the play to support your design.

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Section 6: Essay Question (30 minutes)

Choose one of the following essay questions and write a well-supported answer:

1. How do Romeo and Juliet's characters change throughout the play, and what events contribute to these changes?

2. What role does fate play in the story, and how do the characters' actions contribute to the tragic ending?

3. Analyze the theme of love in Romeo and Juliet. How is it developed throughout the play, and what message do you think Shakespeare is trying to convey?

Assessment Rubric

Your work will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Content (40 points): Depth of understanding of characters, themes, and relationships; use of evidence from the play to support answers
- Organization and Coherence (20 points): Clear and logical structure; effective use of transitions and connections between ideas
- Style and Conventions (20 points): Clarity and precision of writing; adherence to grammar, spelling, and punctuation conventions
- Creativity and Originality (20 points): Unique and thoughtful approach to questions and activities; effective use of visual elements and design principles

Note to Teachers

Please allow students 45-60 minutes to complete this worksheet. Encourage students to use evidence from the play to support their answers. Consider displaying student work in the classroom or school hallway to promote discussion and engagement.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the Romeo and Juliet - Character Analysis worksheet! We hope you have gained a deeper understanding of the characters, themes, and relationships in this timeless classic.

