



Tuesday 23rd February

Can I compare the film and text endings to the play?

Today we will be comparing the death of Romeo and Juliet in both films and the text.

What is the same? Different?

Firstly, watch and enjoy (if you can enjoy a death scene).



YOU TUBE LINKS

Franco Zeffirelli 1968 version:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAd686quD_M

Baz Luhrmann 1996 version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcSwBHs1uD4>



SCENE 18
(From Act V Scene III)

A churchyard; in it a tomb belonging to the Capulets

Romeo returns to Verona to see Juliet's body and end his life

PARIS Sweet flower, with flowers thy bridal bed I strew,
 O woe! thy canopy is dust and stones;
 Which with sweet water nightly I will dew,
 Or, wanting that, with tears distill'd by moans:
 The obsequies that I for thee will keep
 Nightly shall be to strew thy grave and weep.

[Enter ROMEO]

PARIS This is that banish'd haughty Montague,
 That murder'd my love's cousin, with which grief,
 It is supposed, the fair creature died;
 And here is come to do some villainous shame
 To the dead bodies: I will apprehend him.
 Stop thy unhallow'd toil, vile Montague!
 Can vengeance be pursued further than death?
 Condemned villain, I do apprehend thee:
 Obey, and go with me; for thou must die.

ROMEO I must indeed; and therefore came I hither.
 Good gentle youth, tempt not a desperate man;
 Fly hence, and leave me: I beseech thee, youth,
 Put not another sin upon my head,
 By urging me to fury: O, be gone!

PARIS I do defy thy conjurations,
 And apprehend thee for a felon here.

ROMEO Wilt thou provoke me? then have at thee, boy!

[They fight]

PARIS O, I am slain!

ROMEO Ah, dear Juliet,
 Why art thou yet so fair? I still will stay with thee;
 And never from this palace of dim night
 Depart again: here, here will I remain

With worms that are thy chamber-maids; O, here
 Will I set up my everlasting rest,
 From this world-wearied flesh. Eyes, look your last!
 Arms, take your last embrace! and, lips, O you
 The doors of breath, seal with a righteous kiss
 A dateless bargain to engrossing death!
 Come, bitter conduct, come, unsavoury guide!
 Here's to my love!

[Drinks]

O true apothecary!
 Thy drugs are quick. Thus with a kiss I die.

[ROMEO dies then JULIET wakes]

JULIET Where is my lord? I do remember well where I should be,
 And there I am. Where is my Romeo?
 What's here? a cup, closed in my true love's hand?
 Poison, I see, hath been his timeless end:
 O churl! drunk all, and left no friendly drop
 To help me after? I will kiss thy lips;
 Haply some poison yet doth hang on them,
 To make die with a restorative.
 Thy lips are warm. Then I'll be brief.
 O happy dagger! This is thy sheath;
 there rust, and let me die.

[Falls on ROMEO's body, and dies]

[Enter PRINCE, CAPULET and MONTAGUE]

PRINCE Where be these enemies? Capulet! Montague!
 See, what a scourge is laid upon your hate,
 That heaven finds means to kill your joys with love.
 And I for winking at your discords too
 Have lost a brace of kinsmen: all are punish'd.

CAPULET O brother Montague, give me thy hand:
 This is my daughter's jointure, for no more
 Can I demand.

MONTAGUE But I can give thee more:
 I will raise her statue in pure gold;
 That while Verona by that name is known,
 There shall no figure at such rate be set
 As that of true and faithful Juliet.

CAPULET As rich shall Romeo's by his lady's lie;
 Poor sacrifices of our enmity!

PRINCE A glooming peace this morning with it brings;
 The sun, for sorrow, will not show his head:
 Go hence, to have more talk of these sad things;
 Some shall be pardon'd, and some punished:
 For never was a story of more woe
 Than this of Juliet and her Romeo.

[Exeunt]

Now, read this scene from the abridged version of the play. Be thinking about how it is similar/different to the two film endings.

THE DEATH OF ROMEO AND JULIET

1996 film

1968 film

The Text

Today you are going to compare the endings of the play – the death of Romeo and Juliet.

We have completed an exercise like this before when we compared parts of The Wizard of Oz film with the book.

In each column you are going to write the sequence of events. E.g. Romeo enters, approaches Juliet, sits beside her.

Once you have written down what happens, you will be able to compare them.
What is the same and what is different?

THERE IS A LINK TO THE TEMPLATE FOR THIS AND A LINK TO THE TEXT, ON THE WEBSITE.