

Monday 25th January 2021

Act 3 Scene 1 – The Death of Tybalt



Where are we up to on our S plan? Revisit your first piece of work and have a look at it. Quite a bit has happened in a short period of time. Remember, the story of Romeo and Juliet and the events took place over 4 days!



Romeo and Juliet do indeed get married under the guidance of Friar Lawrence and Juliet's nurse.

Act 2 Scene 6

As they walk in the street under the boiling sun, Benvolio suggests to Mercutio that they go indoors, fearing that a brawl will be unavoidable should they encounter Capulet men. Mercutio replies that Benvolio has as quick a temper as any man in Italy, and should not criticize others for their short fuses. Tybalt enters with a group of cronies. He approaches Benvolio and Mercutio and asks to speak with one of them. Annoyed, Mercutio begins to taunt and provoke him. Romeo enters. Tybalt turns his attention from Mercutio to Romeo, and calls Romeo a villain. Romeo, now secretly married to Juliet and thus Tybalt's kinsman, refuses to be angered by Tybalt's verbal attack.

Act 3 Scene 1

Read the scene synopsis to the left.
This is how it all starts...



The death scene of both Mercutio and Tybalt in the 1996 version of the play is graphic. Due to the modern day aspect of the film, and the director's choice to use guns, this is the weapon of choice for the demise of Tybalt by Romeo.



Watch the Franco Zeffirelli 1968 version of the fight scene that involves the death of both Mercutio by Tybalt and then the death of Tybalt by Romeo.

Death of Mercutio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADvHO-IGjOs>

Death of Tybalt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kikly1L-keE>

As you are watching, note as many words as you can to describe what is happening, the feelings of the characters and the actions.

Now read the play script of this scene :Page 30-32

Writing Opportunity

Can you turn all of the language that you have collected into a poem? The poem can be in any style that you like. You might choose to use repetition or start each verse with the same line. You can rhyme or not rhyme. The choice is yours. I would love to see your work!

Example first verse:

Another encounter in the street,
An irate Tybalt is out for blood.
A duel, he challenged to Romeo,
'Villain am I non', he did declined.

Example second verse:

Satisfied not, Tybalt ordered to turn and draw,
But did not tempt the love-struck Romeo.
Alas, Mercutio, more easily provoked,
Took Romeo's place, and withdrew his sword.