

Romeo's Character Development - Cheatsheet

3 Key Facts

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Key Quotations

"Good Capulet - which name I tender as dearly as my own - be satisfied"	In Act 3, when Tybalt is trying to provoke Romeo to fight by insulting him, Romeo continues to refuse to fight.
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The Most Important Questions

How does Romeo respond immaturely to being exiled?	Romeo says that he would rather be dead than banished as he will not be able to see Juliet again.
How does Romeo respond immaturely to the Nurse telling him Juliet is upset?	Romeo's first thought is to kill himself. Friar Laurence has to tell him to stop and think of Juliet's feelings.
How does Romeo respond maturely to Juliet's 'death'?	Romeo says that the only thing he wants is to be with Juliet. He decides to commit suicide so he can be with her.
How does Romeo respond maturely to Paris' death?	Romeo makes the mature decision to honour Paris' last request by laying Paris' body next to Juliet.



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