

Romeo and Juliet - Reviewed

Below is a list of questions about Romeo & Juliet. If you answer them carefully and in detail you can use your answers to form a detailed review which gives your opinion of the play. Answer in sentences to form paragraphs under the following headings rather than numbering your answers or using bullet points.

PLOT:

- What happened in the play?
- What length of time did it cover?
- Was what happened unusual? Ordinary?
- What was the opening of the playlike? Exciting? Slow? Dramatic? Dull?
- What was the climax (most exciting part) of the play?

CHARACTERS:

- Who were the main characters?
- What were they like?
- Which did you find the most interesting? Which did you feel sorry for? Which did you like or dislike more than the others?
- What kind of relationships or conflicts were there?
- Did these characters change throughout the play?

COMMENT ON STYLE:

- Asides from the main story, were there any sub-plots?
- How important was this to the play?
- Was the setting important to the play (not just physical place, but time and attitudes as well)?
- Was it a good play? Why?
- What was the best moment in the play? Why?
- Were there any parts of the play that could have been better? If so, in what way?

GENERAL:

- Do you think Shakespeare had a particular reason for telling this story?
- How did you feel during and after reading it?
- Would you recommend this play to others? Why?
- Would you be tempted to read any other plays by Shakespeare?

Remember, this is an extended writing task and generally short-cuts don't work. Be full in your explanations please – say what you wants to say and carefully proofread your work.

Easy!