

ROMEO AND JULIET

Talk-Show Task

Having read Act 3, Scene 1 of 'Romeo and Juliet', you are going to produce a Speaking and Listening presentation based on that scene.

TASK:

In groups, write and perform a 'talk show' style presentation discussing this question: **'Who is most to blame for Mercutio's death?'**

Imagine that 'Romeo and Juliet' is set in the present day and that the scandal of the feuding is much known about. Various members of the Montague and Capulet households, along with people who are neutral, have been invited to take part in a talk show discussion. It is your task to script this talk show using information from the text *and* your imagination. Amongst other things, you will need to discuss;

- how Mercutio was killed
- why Mercutio was killed
- what the Capulets think about the situation
- what the Montagues think about the situation
- what neutral people think about the situation

Present at the talk show **can** be; **Old Capulet, Old Montague, Lady Capulet, Lady Montague, Benvolio, Friar Laurence, Nurse**

Present at the talk show **must** be; **Talk Show Host**

Think carefully about what the guests might say to each other. How will they respond to each other? What viewpoints will they have? What questions will the Host ask? How will the show end?

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **NO** use of violence
- The presentation must last **at least** three minutes
- You will be the audience for the other presentations, you need to write down **at least three** questions you could ask the guests