

That villain Romeo

Conflict and violence • How Tybalt turns a feast into a threat of violence

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Do Now

1. Which family does Tybalt belong to, and how is he related to Juliet?

2. Why are Romeo and his friends wearing masks at the feast?

3. Who is the host of the feast in Act 1 Scene 5?

4. What does Tybalt tell his servant to fetch when he hears Romeo's voice?

5. What is dramatic irony?

Read

Tybalt recognises Romeo at the feast • William Shakespeare • 1597 • Act 1 Scene 5

1 TYBALT.

Uncle, this is a Montague, our foe;

A villain that is hither come in spite,

To scorn at our solemnity this night.

5 CAPULET.

Young Romeo, is it?

TYBALT.

'Tis he, that villain Romeo.

CAPULET.

10 Content thee, gentle coz, let him alone,

A bears him like a portly gentleman;

And, to say truth, Verona brags of him

To be a virtuous and well-govern'd youth.

I would not for the wealth of all the town

15 Here in my house do him disparagement.

Therefore be patient, take no note of him,

It is my will; the which if thou respect,

Show a fair presence and put off these frowns,

An ill-beseeming semblance for a feast.

Check your understanding

1. Who does Tybalt want to fight?

2. What does Capulet say Verona thinks of Romeo?

3. Why does Capulet tell Tybalt to leave Romeo alone?

4. Why does Tybalt think Romeo has come?

Quotation explosion

“’Tis he, that villain Romeo.”

AO1 What does Tybalt want Capulet to let him do?

AO2 What does the noun “villain” suggest about how Tybalt sees Romeo?

AO2 Tybalt’s line is short and blunt. What does this show about him?

AO3 Why would an audience in the 1590s understand Tybalt’s anger?

Comparing two speakers

When two characters speak in one extract, compare how they speak as well as what they say. Short, sharp lines and long, calm sentences tell the audience different things.

Content thee, gentle coz, let him alone,

Your task: Write one sentence comparing Capulet’s “gentle coz” with Tybalt’s “villain Romeo”.

The question

Read the following extract from Act 1 Scene 5 of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Capulet is holding a feast. Tybalt has just recognised Romeo's voice, although Romeo is wearing a mask.

Starting with this extract, how does Shakespeare present Tybalt as a threat to peace?

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Tybalt in this extract
- how Shakespeare presents Tybalt in the play as a whole.

Today: plan your answer in 8 minutes. No essay.

My argument (thesis)	
Point 1 + quotation	
Point 2 + quotation	
Point 3 + quotation	
Context to use	

Have a go

Read Tybalt's last lines before he leaves the feast. Answer in two or three sentences.

Tybalt leaves the feast · William Shakespeare · Act 1 Scene 5

- 1 TYBALT.
Patience perforce with wilful choler meeting
Makes my flesh tremble in their different greeting.
I will withdraw: but this intrusion shall,
5 Now seeming sweet, convert to bitter gall.

What does Tybalt promise here, and how does Act 3 Scene 1 prove him right? Use one quotation.

Green pen

- ☐ My thesis gives an idea about Tybalt, not a summary of what he does.
- ☐ Each point has a short quotation and a named method.
- ☐ I added context about honour or the feud to each point.
- ☐ I checked the spelling of Tybalt, Capulet, Montague and villain (AO4).

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