RAISING ACHIEVEMENT · ROMEO AND JULIET · DRILL 1

Rebellious subjects

Conflict and violence

Today: how the Prince presents the feud as a danger to the whole city

25 minutes

Do Now

Know

1. Who rules Verona?
2. Which two families are at war in the play?
3. What is iambic pentameter?
4. What does old Capulet shout for when he joins the brawl?
5. What is a civil brawl?

Do Now: answers

Know

1. Who rules Verona?
   Prince Escalus.

2. Which two families are at war in the play?
   The Montagues and the Capulets.

3. What is iambic pentameter?
   A line of ten syllables with five beats: da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM.

4. What does old Capulet shout for when he joins the brawl?
   His “long sword”.

5. What is a civil brawl?
   A fight between citizens of the same city.

Focus reminder

Know

What an introduction for the Romeo and Juliet question does

Answer the question in your first sentence: this is your thesis.

Write “Shakespeare presents…”: the characters are his creations.

Signpost: name the moment in the extract and the other moments you will use.

Add one idea about context or Shakespeare’s purpose. No quotations needed yet.

The Prince stops the brawl

Read

William Shakespeare · 1597 · Act 1 Scene 1

PRINCE.
Rebellious subjects, enemies to peace,
Profaners of this neighbour-stained steel,—
Will they not hear? What, ho! You men, you beasts,
That quench the fire of your pernicious rage
With purple fountains issuing from your veins,
On pain of torture, from those bloody hands
Throw your mistemper’d weapons to the ground
And hear the sentence of your moved prince.
Three civil brawls, bred of an airy word,
By thee, old Capulet, and Montague,
Have thrice disturb’d the quiet of our streets,
And made Verona’s ancient citizens
Cast by their grave beseeming ornaments,
To wield old partisans, in hands as old,
Canker’d with peace, to part your canker’d hate.
If ever you disturb our streets again,
Your lives shall pay the forfeit of the peace.