



Year 10 English Learning Journey

Shakespeare & The Renaissance: Romeo & Juliet Half Term 1

Core knowledge	Reference number
What was the Renaissance?	
What is the structure of Romeo and Juliet?	
What themes does Shakespeare introduce in the exposition of the play?	
How does Shakespeare present ideas about love and marriage?	
How does Shakespeare present ideas about Catholicism?	
How does Shakespeare explore ideas about secrecy?	
What are the consequences of violence in the play?	
How does Shakespeare present the relationships between parents and children?	
How does Shakespeare create a sense of increasing chaos?	
Who or what is most to blame for Romeo and Juliet's tragic deaths?	

Learning Checkpoints

LC Title	Completed?	DIRT?
1. The tragic ending of Romeo and Juliet is inevitable. To what extent do you agree?		
2. Starting with this extract, how does Shakespeare present ideas about marriage?		
3. Starting with this extract, to what extent does Shakespeare present Juliet as disobedient?		
4. Starting with this extract, how does Shakespeare present ideas about fate?		

Key Vocabulary	
Renaissance	Belligerent
Catholicism	Ephemeral
Comedy	Melancholic
Tragedy	Erroneous
Structure	Furtive