

Romeo and Juliet - Overview

Acts	Day	Time	Event
Act One	Sunday	morning	Montague and Capulet servants fight. Benvolio talks to Romeo's parents and then to Romeo.
		noon	Capulet talks to Paris about marriage to Juliet.
		evening	Benvolio and Romeo discover that there will be a feast at the Capulets'.
		night	Lady Capulet asks Juliet about marrying Paris. Guests arrive for the feast. Romeo and Juliet meet and fall in love.
Act Two	Monday	dawn	Benvolio and Mercutio cannot find Romeo.
		early morning	Romeo and Juliet declare their love to each other.
		morning	Romeo goes to Friar Laurence and tells him he wishes to marry Juliet.
		midday	Nurse meets Romeo and receives instructions for his marriage to Juliet.
		early afternoon	Romeo and Juliet are married.
Act three		afternoon	Tybalt kills Mercutio. Romeo kills Tybalt.
		evening	
		late evening	Romeo despairs. The Nurse brings him news of Juliet. He is to go to Juliet.
		night	Capulet decides to marry Juliet to Paris on Thursday.
	Tuesday	morning	Romeo and Juliet wake up together and part. Juliet is told she must marry Paris. She refuses and goes to Friar for advice.
Act Four		late morning	Paris meets Juliet. Friar Laurence tells her how she can avoid the marriage. Juliet agrees to marry Paris. The marriage is brought forward to Wednesday.
		night	Juliet takes the potion.
	Wednesday	dawn	Juliet appears to be dead. Her family mourn.
Act Five	Thursday	morning	Romeo in Mantua hears of Juliet's death, buys poison and sets off for Verona.
		evening	Friar Laurence discovers that his letter has not been delivered to Romeo.
		night	Paris and Romeo meet and fight at Juliet's tomb. Romeo kills Paris. Romeo drinks the poison and dies. Juliet wakes and stabs herself.
		dawn	The city learns what has happened. The two families end their feud.