



Act 5--Tragedy

Romeo and Juliet: the Tragedy

The definition of *tragedy* is “a play which presents important, yet everyday events in the life of a significant character; the play culminates, or ends, in an unfortunate catastrophe.” We probably all agree that there is indeed a very unhappy ending to the play. Both of our lovers are dead. To truly reflect on the tragedy, think about the deaths in the play.

DIRECTIONS: There are five deaths brought about by the feud between the Montague and Capulet families. Reflect on each death and explain “how” and “why” the death happened.

1. **Tybalt kills Mercutio**

How?

Why?

2. **Romeo kills Tybalt.**

How?

Why?

3. **Romeo kills Paris.**

How?

Why?

4. **Romeo kills himself.**

How?

Why?

5. **Juliet kills herself.**

How?

Why?

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