

# Critical approaches to the characters in Romeo and Juliet, 1900-1980

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## Romeo and Juliet

This sonnet form is used by Lady Capulet to describe Count Paris to Juliet as a handsome man. Apothecary Shakespeare describes the apothecary of Mantua as a skeleton - so he appears to personify Death itself. What determines a tragedy is if the destruction of the characters results from their own internal weakness.

## Romeo and Juliet critical essay

Similarly, Marjorie Garber see Further Reading studies the language and structure of Romeo and Juliet, and also notices the symmetry of the play's characters; each character has a counterpart on the opposite side of the feud. Romeo swears his feelings are genuine, and Juliet laments the fact that she cannot fall in love with him again.

## Romeo and Juliet

In the case of Romeo and Juliet, the characters must accept their unique identities and transcend their family names in order to experience the purest kind of love.

## Romeo and Juliet Act 2, Scene 2 Summary & Analysis

The Nurse believes in love and wants Juliet to have a nice-looking husband, but the idea that Juliet would want to sacrifice herself for love is incomprehensible to her. His bawdy wit thus sets up Romeo to take the role of the innocent tragic hero.

## Romeo + Juliet: Cheat Sheet

Vain, fashionable, supremely aware of courtesy and the lack of it, he becomes aggressive, violent, and quick to draw his sword when he feels his pride has been injured.

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Both were highly influential in the transition from mental philosophy to scientific psychology. At the end of the play, the major lesson seems to be that though love is a beautiful thing, it can possibly lead one to destructive fate.

### **Romeo and Juliet: Character List**

Levenson 2000 and Harry Levin 1960 comment on the poetic nature of the play. Act Two, Scene One Out in the street, Romeo escapes from and.

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