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“Romeo and Juliet”

Two households, both alike in dignity,

In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,

From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,

Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

From forth the fatal loins of these two foes

A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life;

Whose misadventured piteous overthrows

Do with their death bury their parents' strife.

The fearful passage of their death-marked love,

And the continuance of their parents' rage,

Which, but their children's end, nought could remove,

Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;

The which if you with patient ears attend,

What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.

1. What is the place setting of the play?

2. What is the relationship like between the two households?

3. What does Shakespeare mean by “star-crossed lovers”?

4. What happens to the lovers?

5. What is the subject matter (theme) for this play?

6. What does the chorus ask the audience in the last two lines? Why?