

ROMEO & JULIET STUMBLE SYNOPSIS

QUICK POST-PERFORMANCE EXPLANATION ACTIVITY

Individually or in small groups have students fill in the blanks or circle the best option in the following: NB: Sometimes you might choose to circle all three options....

Romeo and Jarrad/Jacinta/Juliet came from the families of

Monta_ _ _ _ and Cap_ _ _ t.

They lived in the city of V _ _ o _ a. Italy/Spain/Far Away.

The Capulet's and Montagues fought all the time until the Prince/

Donald Trump / Batman of Verona said: " The next one to start a fight will be put to d _ _ t _ !"

Romeo, the son of the M _ _ t _ _ u _ s ,was depressed because his major crush, Ros _ _ _ _ _ , didn't want to know him. Romeo's cousin, Ben _ _ l _ _ was trying to cheer Romeo up when a messenger just happened by with news of the Capulet Ball.

"There will be heaps of babes/badasses/babaganouche at that party!" said Ben _ _ _ _ _ , "Let's go to the Capulet Ball!"

Meanwhile, in the Capulet household, Lord Capulet was talking with a gentleman called P _ _ _ s. "I am fixing to get married," said Paris, "And your daughter, J _ l _ _ t is who I'm planning to murder/marry/marinate." "She's too young," said old man Capu _ _ t, but come to our family Ball and see if there are any other dance moves/girls/puppies there that you like."

Lady Capulet went upstairs to prepare her

dinner/daughter/doppleganger, Juliet for the Ball. "There will be a

guy there called Pa_ _ _,” her Mum said. “He wants to marry you. Check him out.” Juliet’s Nurse, was quite impressed. Juliet’s delusion/dating/Tinder life had begun!

Outside the Ball, Romeo, Benvolio and Romeo’s best friend Marjorie/Mercutio/Mandawg were fixing to gate-crash the Capulet Ball. “I think I just had a premonition of my death!, said R_ _ _ _ . “No man, “ said M_ _ _ c_ _ t_ _ o, “there aint nothin’ in your head but dreams.”

In the Ball, R_ _ _ _ came across J_ _ _ _ t, and they both developed a serious crush on each other. No, like, paramedic serious. Defibrillator, oxygen and ambulances serious!

Juliet’s cousin, Tiger Woods/Tusain Bolt/Tybalt, who was a bit of a wild man, totally lost his keys/hairdo/temper when he discovered Rom_ _ _ had sneaked into the Cap_ _ _ _ Ball. Against the advice of Lord Capulet, Ty_ _ _ _ _ grabbed his sword/glock/teddy-bear and broke up the Ball. “Let’s get out of here!” yelled Ben_ _ _ _ _! And get out of there, they did.

In the confusion, Merc_ _ _ o and Benvolio lost track of R_ _ _ _ . Romeo had climbed/swam/hypnotized a tree/clifftop/wall back into the Theme-Park/Capulet estate/Shopping mall.

There, standing in the orchard, Romeo looked up and said, “What light through yonder window/cloud/church breaks?” It wasn’t a light, it was Ju_ _ _ _ , standing on her tiptoes/balcony/surfboard.

R_ _ _ eo and _ _ _ iet hung out all night on the balcony, and as dawn broke, though it was a little bit rushed, decided to get

maggot/misplaced/married. Romeo raced off. He was not depressed anymore.

Later that morning, on the far side of Verona/Venice/Vanuatu, Friar Laurence was weeding his herb garden when R_ _ _ _ _ rocked up.

“You have to marry me to J_ _ _ _ _ t!” he said. “Are you out of your freaking/Elizabethan/man-child brain?!” F_ _ _ _ _ L_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ce screamed/whispered/vented, “J_ _ _ _ _ iet is a C_ _ _ _ _ let, you lame-brain/over-sexed adolescent/idiot! She is of the family of your mortal combat/ghost/bestie/enemy!” But then he thought, “hang on, a marriage could end the feud between the Cap_ _ _ _ _ s and the Mon_ _ _ _ _ s.” and with no more thought than that, “OK, “ he said, “ I’ll marry you. In secret/public/television/purple Lamborghini.”

A bit later, on the city streets of V_ _ _ _ _ _ _ , Ben_ _ _ _ _ _ _ and Merc_ _ _ _ _ _ _ were still out looking for Romeo. “Tybalt is hunting for Ro_ _ _ _ _ , “ said Ben, “and that’s dangerous.” Just then, Romeo arrived.

“Where have you been,” Merc_ _ _ _ _ _ _ paid out Romeo, “You baled on us last night!” But before Romeo could tell them anything, Juliet’s nose/Nurse/knee appeared. “I have a message for Ro_ _ _ _ _ .” she said. And when Romeo spoke to the N_ _ _ _ _ _ _ alone, “It’s all organized,” he said. “Friar L_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has agreed to marry us this afternoon. Tell Ju_ _ _ _ _ to wear a flack-jacket/flat cap/frock/frog.”

Back at the Ca_ _ _ _ _ _ _ estate, Juliet was pacing up and down/going out of her mind/antsy/all of the above and then some. “Where is my Nurse?!” she exclaimed. “How long does it take to get a massage/message/mathematical exam?!”

Just then, the N_____ rocked up. “The wedding is on ,” she said.
“Wear a frock.” So later that afternoon, J_____ secretly left the Ca_____
_____ estate, and Wonder Woman/The Verona Prince/Friar Laurence
banished/married/murdered her and Ro_____ in secrecy. Juliet then
sneaked back home to wait for R_____ to climb up to her
belfry/battlements/bedroom for their first hanky-panky/wedding
night/consummation as husband and wife later that evening.
After the wedding, Romeo was walking along the streets of V _____
_____ when he came across Ben _____, Merc_____ and Juliet’s cousin,
Ty _____. Tybalt attacked R_____, who refused to
kiss/dance/defend himself. Mercutio, enraged at Romeo’s
backdown/cowardice/smackdown, challenged T_____ to a fight.
“No!”, cried R_____, “The Prince has banned all
fighting/breakdancing/ singing on Verona’s streets!” Romeo grabbed
Mercutio’s arm to stop him fighting, and that was when T_____ t
stabbed Mer_____ in the chest/chin/chubby tummy. Romeo
completely lost it/cried like a baby/danced for joy/took a snapchat, at
his friend, Mercutio’s death. In a rage, he attacked T _____ and
killed/kissed/caked/mooned him. “Now you have broken the
Prince’s/patsy’s/Pineapple’s decree about fighting in the
bath/street/virtual reality!’ cried Ben_____, “Ruuuuuun!” And R_____
____ ran/skated/exploded.

When the Prince/Pope/Pimple arrived and learned what had
happened, he pronounced a sentence on R_____;
“Bandaged!/Broken!/Banishment!” Which meant R_____ had to

leave V_ _ _ _ _ forever/for at least a weekend/for the length of the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Back in J_ _ _ _ _ 's bakehouse/bedroom/basket, Juliet was getting ready for her new hound/husband/handkerchief to arrive, when the N_ _ _ _ _ walked in. "Dead! D_ _ _ _ !" the old Nurse sang/cried/chortled/yodeled. When Juliet learned R_ _ _ _ _ had killed her fat/favourite/fancy cousin, T_ _ _ _ _ , she was cut up bad/calm/craving chocolate. When she realized R_ _ _ _ _ was banished from Verona/Vegas/ Valhalla she was distressed/distraught/dismayed. "I'll never see my husband/house/hairdo/hamster again!" she sobbed. "I will go and get him," said the Nurse/nose/knee/Whoopi Goldberg. "He is hiding out at F_ _ _ _ _ L_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Church/cave/castle. I will bring him to your radness/romp/room.

At Friar Larry/Laurence/Luke 's Church, Romeo was dead/delayed/dismayed at the news of his badness/bagpipes/banishment. "I will never see Justine/Jasmine/Juliet again!" he cried. And when the N_ _ _ _ _ arrived to tell of Juliet's distress, " I have caused this!" cried R_ _ _ _ _ , and grabbed his dagwood dog/dagger/dragon to end his life/lisp/lap. "Hold your hand/hospitality/hat!" yelled the Priest/painter/pirate. " What sort of a selfish fool/twit/idiot are you?! Go and comfort your waffle/wimple/wife, Juliet, and then get thee gone to Mantua." Which was a town about a day's horse ride/rocket launch/time warp from V_ _ _ _ _ . "Once everything settles down, the Prince/Pope/Potty/Shia Lebeouf will surely let you come back home. I will write

letters/limericks/laments to you to let you know what's going on here in Verona." So R_____ went off to see his witch/wally/wife, J_____.

Meanwhile, at the C_____ estate, Lord Cap_____ was meeting with Paris, the dude who wanted to missplace/marry/macramé J_____. "Alright, you can marry her!" said Larry the Loose Goose/Lord Capulet/ Lord Voldemort, "Maybe it will stop all her weeping over her dancing/dead/depressed cousin, T_____." "And because the C_____ 's never wasted a moment, he also said, "Let's do it Thursday afternoon." It was Monday evening.

At dawn on Tuesday morning, R_____ crept from J_____ 's bedroom/boudoir/balcony – "Will we ever see each other again?" Juliet whispered. "Sure," said her hobby horse/husband/hipster/hippopotomus, Romeo. But Romeo had a bad feeling.

Just then, Juliet's Mum came into her room. "Darling," she said, "Your father has decided you are going to marry Mister P_____." "You freaking what?!" said J_____. "Yes," said her Mum, "Christmas/yesterday/Thursday afternoon." "I'm in!/No!/I'll need a frock!", said J_____. But she didn't tell them why.

When her father ponced/pranced/walked in, Juliet said, "No." again. At which he went completely bonkers/had a cry/burped, and said, "You will either marry Mister P_____, or I will throw you out into the mosh pit/river/pudding/street!" Lady C_____ and the N_____

__ could not protect her from her Father's fury. Juliet was all alone. She decided to go and see F_____ L_____.

At Friar Laurence's pad/Church/space ship, Mister P_____ was there organizing his wedding to J_____, when lo! And surprise! J_____ walked in. "Happy days," said Paris, "Here's my babe/bit-of-squeeze/wife-to-be." Juliet was grossed out/super keen/playing hard-to-get extreme and when Mister Paris had gone she grabbed a dice/dagger/dairy item and made to dice/slice/stab herself. "Hold thy hand!" cried F_____ L_____ who was thinking, "I have done this somewhere once before..." So F_____ L_____ came up with a scary/completely suss/what-could-possibly-go-wrong plan. "You take this potion," he said, "which will make it seem like you are baked/tripping/dead. Your family will then tag you in a meme/bury you/play Guitar Hero in the C_____ crypt. I will send a text/meme/letter to R_____ and he will ride to V_____ and break into the car/tomb/bank at the same time as you throw-up/levitate/wake-up, and together you can escape Valhalla/Verona/Voldemort/Vendetta and live happily ever __ t __."

J_____ didn't need much time to think. "Deal!" she said, and she took the cigarette/potion/lotion and went off back to the C_____ estate.

When she got back home J_____ apologized to her parents/family pet/Instagram followers for causing trouble over her marriage and she went off to her room to organize her wedding frock/frog/flippers. Once she was alone in her room, she had a panic attack – got over that

– and then drank the soup/toilet water/potion. In moments she fell into a deep death-like doozy/depression/dab/sleep.

The next morning, the nodule/noodle/poodle/ Nurse came to wake J_____, only to discover her lying on her bed, apparently snoring/changed-to-a-butterfly/dead.

The Nurse's/Noddy's/Nightingales cries of joy/enthusiasm/distress brought J_____'s parents running/rolling/slithering, and in no time the C_____ household was full of pool-parties/popcorn/sorrow.

Juliet was buried in the C_____ tomb later that Summer/second/afternoon.

Hanging out in Marrakesh/Mantua/Mumbai, Romeo was surprised to see his buddy, Balthasar, from V_____, arrive on a hoverboard/hamster/horse. “Balthazar,” greeted R_____, “What’s up?” “J_____ is dead,” said Balthazar, who could have been a little bit more sensitive. “Sorry, dude, they buried her yesterday afternoon in the C_____ family tomb.” “Are you sure?” demanded R_____, “ did F_____ L_____ send me any licorice/lotion/letters?” “None that I know of,” said Balthazar. “I am going back there,” R_____ said. And though Bal_____ tried to stop him, that’s what Romeo did.

Later that night, Mister P_____ stopped at Juliet’s tomb to grieve at her death, which was really unfortunate timing, because just then, R_____ arrived at the tomb, having stopped off along the way to buy some really lethal paddlepops/pickles/poison off a backyard gardener/chemist/scubadiver. “What are you doing here?!” P_____

yelled/yodeled/yelped, and attacked R_ _ _ , who was in no mood for wasting time, and stabbed Paris until he was leaked-out-all-over-the-cobblestones/broken and busted/dead. R_ _ _ then broke into the C_ _ _ _ _ house/jewellery-shop/tomb and, not realizing that Juliet's body was breathing just a tiny bit, drank his poison and fell down on the floor, instantly dizzy/drunken/dead.

Meanwhile, F_ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ _ had discovered from Friar John that his letter to R_ _ _ _ was never delivered. Realizing J_ _ _ _ _ was about to wake from her pretend/fake/simulated death, he took off at a shuffle/sprint/slide to the C_ _ _ _ _ cemetery.

He staggered into the tomb just as J_ _ _ _ _ began to wake. "Friar," she gasped, "Where is Romeo?" "There!" pointed F_ _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ _ , "Dead!" Who could have been a little bit more sensitive. "Go!" cried Juliet, whose heart was breaking/leaping out of her chest/doing a jig.

Left alone with R_ _ _ _ 's dead body, J_ _ _ _ _ took his boots/nose ring/dagger and stabbed herself till she was really and truly over this/not well/dead.

That is the story of R_ _ _ _ and J_ _ _ _ t.
