

Romeo and Juliet: Persuasive Letter

There are several dilemmas that are faced by the major characters in *Romeo and Juliet*. Choose one of the following situations and respond following the format of a friendly letter:

- Tybalt is killed by Romeo as the two battle in the streets of Verona. In a letter to Juliet, assume the role of Romeo and explain what has happened. Make sure you are persuading Juliet of something.
- Juliet's father is extremely angry with his daughter and demands that she marry Paris. In a letter to her father, assume the role of Juliet and explain why you are unable to marry Paris. Make sure you are persuading the father of something.
- Friar Laurence plays a very important role throughout this play as a friend and confidant of Romeo. Assuming the role of Friar Laurence, write a letter to Prince Escalus explaining the importance of the marriage of Romeo and Juliet. Make sure you are persuading the Prince of something.

Your letter should include:

Heading (Make up an address)

Inside address (Make up an address with the city and state as Verona, Italy)

Greeting: *Dear Juliet, Father, Prince Escalus*

Paragraph 1: introduce the problem (4-6 sentences)

Paragraph 2: Explain the circumstances surrounding the problem (4-6 sentences)

Paragraph 3: What do you hope will happen? Persuade your audience of something. (4 – 6 sentences)

Closing (Sincerely, Love)

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