

Final Project for Romeo and Juliet

As we wrap up our reading of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" next week, it is time to take a critical look at the play and different aspects of Shakespeare's work. You have a bit of latitude on this project, so take some time to consider your options.

1. Movie compare and contrast essay: Countless remakes have been done on "Romeo and Juliet." "West Side Story" is one such example that we will watch in class before spring break. For this option, take a film version of the play, or a movie that has been adapted or spun off of "Romeo and Juliet," and write an essay discussing its similarities and differences.
2. Written fiction compare and contrast essay: Saving Juliet by Suzanne Selfors, Romiette and Julio by Sharon Draper, and many others are contemporary novels written with elements of, or based off of Shakespeare's play. Some even say that Twilight has some parallels to "Romeo and Juliet." Find a novel that is based off of, or has parallels to the play, and write an essay discussing its similarities and differences, or how it was adapted. (The version of the graphic novel that we read in class is exempt.)
3. Other Essay: Pick another topic of your choice, regarding "Romeo and Juliet," Shakespeare's England, or his life, and create a report or essay. It does not have to simply be a factual essay. It can be persuasive or critical in nature (though try to stay away from gratuitous rants).
4. Scrapbook: Pick a character from the play, and create a scrapbook for that character. What sort of things would they include? Diary entries? Artifacts? Photos? Though the play was written in the 1500s, feel free to modernize, and create a 21st century scrapbook for a character.
5. Anything else: Do you have an amazing idea for a piece of writing or a project to demonstrate your knowledge of this classic piece of literature? See me to discuss!

You will be assessed on:

Knowledge of your subject

Extent that your knowledge is demonstrated

Effort and neatness for non written projects

Essays should be between 2-5 pages in length.

Timeline:

Proposal due Friday, March 26th (guidelines on back)

Final Project due Friday, April 16th

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Proposal Guidelines:

Type at least one paragraph including the following elements:

- What topic do you wish to study?
- What do you already know about this topic?
- What do you plan on doing for your project?