



## WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

**Students who need to make up a critical lens essay should use the following quote as your thesis, and use examples from the reading.**

**“Wisely and slow. They stumble that run fast.”**

**Friar Laurence**

**Examine examples of impetuous behavior found in *Romeo and Juliet* and explain how the characters’ behaviors affect the outcome of the play. Be sure to include examples of Shakespeare’s creative use of the elements of literature.**

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### CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:

- **Write a note to Queen Elizabeth I in which you invite her to the opening night of *Romeo and Juliet*. Narrate the highlights of the plot, especially the nobility and justice of Prince Escalus.**
- **Compose a scene in which Lady Capulet and her husband discuss their losses, including the deaths of their other children. Mention the lost hope of a noble son-in-law and grandchildren. Include comment on the nurse’s change of duties and her grief for Juliet.**
- **Turn the tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet* into a true romance with a happy ending. Begin at any point in the story that you wish, and be sure to include dialogue (modern language is acceptable, but try your hand at Shakespearean; and be sure to include one original sonnet (yes, created by you)! (Mrs. Ash’s pick :0) ) There will be extra credit given, and it will be an extremely creative addition to your portfolio.**

- **Create a new setting for the “balcony scene.” Include modern technology such as texting or IM-ing. Romeo and Juliet can “talk” to each other. Be sure to show what you know about the story by using events and characters from the story. The “talk” must be at least 1 ½ pages, and be directly related to the lines and story. Twelve font.**
- **Choose a scene and create at least two pages of a graphic novel. You must include Shakespeare’s events, and the language can be in Shakespearean language, or in modern English. You must create at least 10 cells.**

**Any other ideas can be submitted to me, and will be taken into consideration! Have fun with these!**

**If you choose to, you may illustrate any of the creative pieces either by putting a backwash on the paper, creating a new visual, or by creating something uniquely your own! Be creative!**