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## William Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet (1594 – 1595)

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### Task One:

**What do you remember about Shakespeare's life? Complete the text.**

William Shakespeare was born in \_\_\_\_\_ (year) in the small English country town of \_\_\_\_\_, where he also died in \_\_\_\_\_ (year). Not much is known about his \_\_\_\_\_ life. When he was \_\_\_\_ (age), he married 26-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ (name), and they had \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) children. A few years later he moved to \_\_\_\_\_ and became a part of the city's busy theatrical life. He became a shareholder of one of London's most popular acting companies, the \_\_\_\_\_, later known as the King's Men. The company also built its own theatre, the \_\_\_\_\_, the most famous of all the Elizabethan era theatres.

### Task Two:

**What do you remember about Romeo and Juliet from the literature lessons?**

genre \_\_\_\_\_

main characters \_\_\_\_\_

settings \_\_\_\_\_

themes \_\_\_\_\_

catastrophe \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the text about Romeo and Juliet to find out more.**

*Romeo and Juliet* is based on an old Italian tale, and it was among Shakespeare's most popular plays in his lifetime. Shakespeare's first tragedy is about two young people whose deaths ultimately unite their feuding families. Today the title characters are regarded as model young lovers.

The play takes place in the Italian town of Verona, where two enemy families, the Montagues and the Capulets, live. Romeo, Lord Montague's son, attends a masked ball at the Capulet house and there he falls in love with Juliet. After the ball, Romeo sneaks into the

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Capulet courtyard and speaks to Juliet, who is standing on her balcony. They exchange promises of love and agree to get married in secret with Friar Laurence's and Juliet's Nurse help.

After the marriage, Romeo kills Juliet's cousin and has to leave Verona. Lord Capulet forces Juliet to get married to Paris. To avoid this, Juliet agrees with Friar Laurence on taking a drug that puts her into a death-like coma for a couple of days. Romeo does not get the message about this plan in time; when he learns of her death, he hurries to Juliet's crypt and drinks a poison next to her. As soon as Juliet awakens, and sees the dead Romeo, she stabs herself with Romeo's dagger. The feuding families meet at the tomb and agree to finally end their violent feud.

**Vocabulary:**

feuding – bojující, ve sváru

sneak – plížit se

**Task Three:**

Read the text again and put the drawings into the correct order according to the plot of the tragedy. Write numbers on the board.

A)



B)



C)



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D)



E)



F)



G)



H)

