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**What Caused the Deaths of Romeo and Juliet?**

**Directions:** Now that we have finished reading *Romeo and Juliet,* you are going to take a closer look at the causes of Romeo’s and Juliet’s deaths. The major causes leading to their untimely demise are as follows:

* Romeo and Juliet’s youth and inexperience
* The interference of the adults in the play
* The influence of fate and/or chance on the lives of characters.

Now look back through the play to locate actions and lines that support each of these causes.

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| Youth and Inexperience | Adults’ Interference | Fate/Chance |
| Act 1 | Act 1 | Act 1 |
| Act II | Act II | Act II |
| Act III | Act III | Act III |
| Act IV | Act IV | Act IV |
| Act V | Act V | Act V |

**Writing Prompt**

At the end of *Romeo and Juliet,* the Prince states that some characters will be pardoned and others punished. You have considered the actions of Romeo and Juliet themselves, the adults in their lives, and fate or chance. Which do you think is primarily to blame for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet? Use three pieces of evidence to support your answer. To effectively answer this question, you must write a minimum of six sentences.