

Three Great Plays of Shakespeare

Book key

- 1.1 1 Open answers
 2 a King Lear b Romeo and Juliet c Macbeth
 d Macbeth e Romeo and Juliet f King Lear
- 1.2 Open answers
- 2.1 Friar Lawrence: Their love may turn the hatred between the families into love.
 The nurse: she wants Juliet to be happy.
- 2.2 Possible answer (clockwise):
 a Friar Lawrence
 b Lord Capulet
 c Juliet
 d Tybalt
 e Count Paris
 f Mercutio
 g Romeo
 h Lord Montague (Montagues and Capulets need to be separated by Friar Lawrence, who can sit next to anyone, and Count Paris, who need only avoid Romeo.)
 1 Friar Lawrence
 2 Romeo, Count Paris
 3 Lord Montague, Romeo, Mercutio
 4 Lord Capulet, Juliet, Tybalt
 5 Romeo, Juliet
- 2.3 1 ordered, to stop fighting
 2 warned, not to make trouble
 3 advised, to forget Rosaline
 4 allowed, to speak to Juliet.
 5 promised not to cause trouble with Romeo that night
- 2.4 Open answers
- 3.1 1 ✓
 2 ✓
 3 ✗
 4 ✓
- 3.2 a Juliet: I don't love you.
 Count Paris: I will make you happy.
 b Friar Lawrence: You must be brave.
 Juliet: I like your plan.
 c Romeo: I don't want to hurt you.
 Count Paris: I hate you.
 d Prince Escalus: You've been very foolish.
 Lords Montague and Capulet: It's all our fault.
- 3.3 1 She had found a ladder.
 2 Romeo had killed Tybalt.
 3 Romeo had said goodbye to Juliet.
 4 Juliet had drunk the friar's liquid.
- 5 Romeo had killed himself.
 6 The prince had lost two members of his family.
- 3.4 Open answers
- 4.1 1 Macbeth, shocked
 2 Banquo, dangerous
 3 Lady Macbeth, strong
 4 Macbeth, wrong
 5 Lady Macbeth, guilty
 6 Macduff, upset
 7 Donalbain, safe
 8 Banquo, powerful
- 4.2 a 1 b 8 c 2 d 4 e 6 f 5 g 3 h 7
- 4.3 1 truth
 2 strength
 3 thoughts
 4 sorrow
 5 invitations
 6 hatred
- 4.4 Open answers
- 5.1 1 Banquo.
 2 a ghost.
 3 blood on her hands.
 4 Duncan.
- 5.2 1 Only Macbeth can see the ghost.
 2 Lady Macbeth cannot sleep.
 3 Macbeth is too busy to worry about his wife's death.
 4 Macbeth fights bravely.
- 5.3 1 has been walking
 2 has been getting
 3 has been carrying
 4 has been talking
 5 has been worrying
 6 has been trying
 7 has been saying
 8 has been hearing
- 5.4 Open answers
- 6.1 1 Cordelia, she does not love him enough
 2 the King of France, he feels sorry for her
 3 Edmund, he will get all his father's land
 4 Goneril, she sends away half his knights
 5 Regan, she refuses to let any of his knights stay in her home
 6 Poor Tom, he does not want his father to find him
- 6.2 1 mistake
 2 lie
 3 ✓
 4 mistake
- 6.3 1 so 2 when 3 Although 4 because 5 until
 6 but

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6.4 Open answers

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

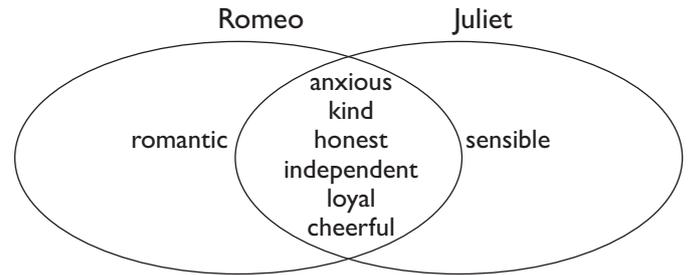
Project Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 a Shakespeare was a great playwright, poet and actor. He was born in England in 1564 and died in 1616. He wrote plays and poems in English. Romeo and Juliet are two lovers who kill themselves because they can't be together.
- b Open answers
- 2 In Shakespeare's play, Juliet is almost 13. In this story, we are not told. Up to the early 20th century it was common practice in Europe for men to ask parents for their daughters' hands.
- 3–9 Open answers
- 10 Draw students' attention to the fact that Romeo and Juliet's deaths put an end to the conflict between the two families – or do students believe the fighting will start again later?
- 11 Open answers
- 12 Point out that red is connected to blood and passion and white to purity. Is this so in the students' culture?
- 13 Witches can bring trouble and death by confusing people. Some seem to have the ability to predict the future.
- 14 Lady Macbeth thinks that Macbeth's defects are being too 'kind and too gentle' because these aspects of his personality may stop him from killing Duncan. Lady Macbeth doesn't consider Macbeth brave because he is afraid to kill Duncan.
- 15–17 Open answers
- 18 Ask students to consider Macbeth's feelings. Is he afraid? Surprised? What is he going to do? Will he fight Macduff?
- 19 Open answers
- 20–25 Open answers
- 26 Cordelia was unfairly disowned. Goneril and Regan perhaps felt that King Lear had left them all the responsibilities of the kingdom but still demanded to be treated as King. However, this may have been an excuse to justify their ambitious aims.
- 27–28 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 Words not included: false – cruel.



- 2 1 Go to Juliet.
2 Spend your wedding night with Juliet.
3 Leave Verona.
4 Go to Mantua.
5 Stay until the prince forgives you.
6 Return to Verona.
- 3 a Lady Montague
b Mercutio
c Tybalt
d Juliet
e Romeo
f Paris
- 4 Lady Macbeth may be thinking how much Duncan reminds her of her father or that she will not be able to murder him. King Duncan may be thinking of what a nice time he has had at Macbeth's castle and how grateful he is to Macbeth and his wife.
- 5 a Macbeth
b Lady Macbeth
c Macbeth
d Lady Macbeth
e Macbeth
- 6 Macbeth may be saying to Lady Macbeth that Banquo is sitting at the table with them. Lady Macbeth may be saying that he is looking at an empty chair. Banquo's ghost may be thinking that he must frighten Macbeth until he confesses his crimes.

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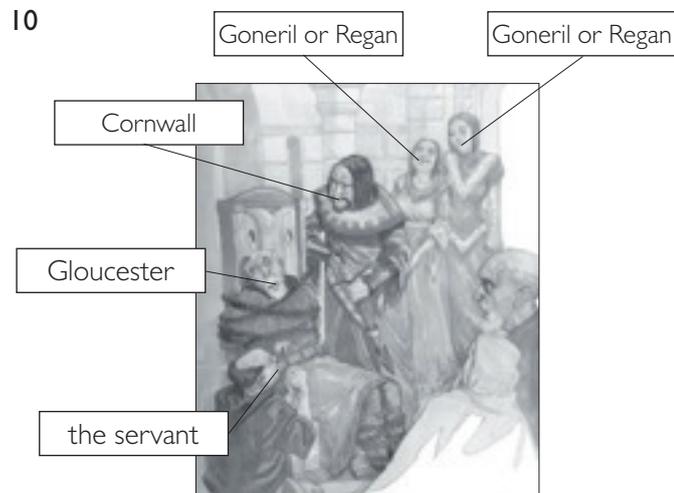
What the witches say to Macbeth	What finally happens
'Macbeth! Macbeth! Watch Macduff. Watch him and protect yourself from him.'	Macduff kills Macbeth.
'Macbeth! Be brave! You cannot be hurt by any man who was born from a woman.'	Macduff was not born in the normal way and so he can kill him.
'Your enemies will never beat you until Birnam Wood moves to Dunsinane Hill.'	Birnam Wood moves to Dunsinane because the soldiers carry branches in front of them as they walk.

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- 8 a F – they were half-brothers.
 b T
 c F – he loved them equally at the beginning of the story.
 d F – he pretended this but it was not true.
 e F – Edmund presumably wrote it.

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daughter	eldest	second	youngest
name	Goneril	Regan	Cordelia
husband	Duke of Albany	Duke of Cornwall	no husband but King of France wants to marry her.
words to father	'I love you as much as I love my life, my health, my beauty and my honour.'	'My only happiness comes from my love for you.'	'I love you as much as any daughter can love her father.'
share of the kingdom	half the kingdom	half the kingdom	nothing



11–15 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 l g 2 c 3 a 4 b 5 f 6 d 7 e
 2 a T
 b T
 c T
 d F – there was none left. She stabbed herself.
 e F – Lady Montague did.
 f T
 g F – they stopped fighting.
 3 l c 2 b 3 a 4 f 5 e 6 d
 4 l a 2 e 3 b 4 c 5 d
 5 a F – She was married to the Duke of Albany; Regan was married to the Duke of Cornwall.
 b F – It was the King of France who hoped to marry her.
 c T
 d F – Edgar was his true son from his marriage and Edmund was his bastard son.
 e T
 6 a 4 b 9 c 3 d 5 e 10 f 1 g 6 h 13 i 11 j 8 k 2 l 12 m 14 n 7