*Romeo and Juliet* Theme Chart (aka cheat sheet)

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| Topics: | Act 1 – examples and key quotations | Act 2 & 3 – examples and key quotations | Act 4 & 5 – examples and key quotations |
| **The feud – how people suffer as a result of it**Consider: * The feud and how parallel characters emphasize it
* Love and hate linked together
* The duality of love – how it’s rough and kind at the same time
* Connections between certain characters on each side
* Romeo and Juliet – separated from the rest of their families
* Romeo and Juliet’s love in connection with the feud
* Other people affected by Romeo and Juliet’s love
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| Your theme statement, based on the evidence: |
| **Romeo and Juliet’s love – true love or infatuation?**Consider:* Light and dark imagery
* Religious metaphors
* Things that prove they’re meant to be together
* What happened as a result of their love (bigger picture, not just to them)
* Other people they love
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| **How fate is responsible for the outcome of the play**Consider:* Love and death linked together from the beginning
* Foreshadowing and warnings
* Times when they could have avoided their fate (decisions)
* Times when fate seems to be taking over
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| **How people’s actions are responsible for the outcome of the play**Consider:* All the decisions made by each character 🡪 how it impacted what happens
* Characters who know about Romeo and Juliet’s love and help them along
* The feud and its role in the conclusion
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| Your theme statement, based on the evidence (fate or people’s actions): |