

**Synthesis Essay**

Directions:

Answer one of the six essential questions, using the play and two informational texts.

**Essential Questions/Lenses:**

1. What fuels teenage relationships: **true love or physical attraction**?

2. What determines our lives more: **fate or free will**?

3. Who should we be more loyal to: **lovers or family**?

4. What is more important in making decisions: **emotions or facts**?

5. Who is responsible for the behaviors of teenagers: **the minor or adults**?

6. Who should we rely on to regulate the proper behavior of citizens: **the government or the citizens**?

Focus on supporting only one side of the essential question in your claim. Below is a suggested outline for your ideas:

1. Introduction
   1. As shown by Romeo and Juliet, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and

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1. Body Paragraph I—Evidence from Romeo and Juliet
2. Body Paragraph II—Evidence from Informational Text #1
3. Body Paragraph III—Evidence from Informational Text #2
4. Conclusion

Suggestions:

* If you are at a loss of where to begin, start with what you think you can prove based off of the play; find informational texts from there.
* Follow the organizational features your learned first semester

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* Focus on showing how evidence proves your claim rather than summarizing sources
* Read the rubric (for real)