

Different Artistic Mediums

Use the graphic organizer below to make notes about how two different directors portray the characters in film versions of Act II, scene ii. Pay careful attention to the language, the sound effects, the physical elements (such as costumes and scenery), and camera angles in the film.

SCENE DESCRIPTION:

In this scene, often referred to as "the balcony scene," Romeo overhears Juliet musing about her feelings for him. As a result, he confesses his love for her. They plan to get married despite their feuding families.

Film Elements	Your Observations (The 1996 Baz Luhrmann Version)	Your Observations (The 1968 Franco Zeffirelli Version)
Language	The language is true to the original text, but some lines are omitted.	The language is true to the original text. The Zeffirelli version includes the exchange between Romeo and Juliet in which she calls him back again and then claims, "I forgot why I did call thee back"
Sound Effects	There is a song playing in the background with the following lyrics: "I'm kissing you..." The characters whisper. The sounds of motion lights turning on as well as splashing in the pool are noticeable. The nurse can be heard calling Juliet in the background.	The sound of crickets is prominent, and in a few spots, there is soft instrumental music playing. The characters whisper. The nurse can be heard calling Juliet in the background.
Physical Elements	Costumes: Romeo and Juliet are in their costumes from the ball. Juliet is dressed as an	Costumes: Romeo and Juliet are in more traditional Elizabethan costumes. Romeo has on a blue

	<p>angel all in white, and Romeo is dressed as a knight in shining armor.</p> <p>Scenery: The Capulet mansion looks like a big house from the twentieth century. There is a pool and a security guard who surveys the property using television screens.</p>	<p>crushed velvet doublet and tights, and Juliet has on a golden gown.</p> <p>Scenery: The Capulet mansion looks like an Italian villa from long ago. It is a large stone structure. In keeping true with the original text, it is surrounded by trees.</p>
<p>Camera Angles</p>	<p>There is a combination of close ups and zooming out.</p>	<p>There is a combination of close ups and zooming out.</p>