

Timeline for Acts I-III

Using your notes from your Acts I-III characters and motivation handouts, create a timeline of what you consider to be the two most significant events in each act of the play. For each event, have students note the characters involved, the cause of the event, the result that led to the next event, and whether the event had a positive or negative outcome.

Act I	Act I	Act II	Act II	Act III	Act III
<u>Event 1 Description</u> Lord Montague lets Benvolio counsel his moody son.	<u>Event 2 Description</u> Romeo attends the Capulet ball at which he meets Juliet, the new love of his life.	<u>Event 3 Description</u> The nurse decides to help arrange Romeo and Juliet's secret marriage.	<u>Event 4 Description</u> The friar also decides to help the teens get married.	<u>Event 5 Description</u> Romeo murders Tybalt.	<u>Event 6 Description</u> Juliet determines that, no matter what, she will be with Romeo.
<u>Characters/Traits</u> Lord Montague--unassertive Benvolio--eager to please	<u>Characters/Traits</u> Romeo--hasty, emotional Juliet--easily swayed	<u>Characters/Traits</u> Nurse--eager to win Juliet's approval	<u>Characters/Traits</u> Friar--pure of heart	<u>Characters/Traits</u> Tybalt--easily insulted; vindictive Romeo--hasty, emotional	<u>Characters/Traits</u> Juliet--easily swayed, emotional
<u>Cause</u> Lord Montague has had very little parental influence on his son and doesn't know how to communicate with him.	<u>Cause</u> Romeo's friends wish to cheer him up after his rejection from Rosaline, his former love.	<u>Cause</u> The nurse wants Juliet to be happy even though she realizes that Lady Capulet wants Juliet to marry Paris.	<u>Cause</u> The friar wants to ages-old feud to end with this union of enemies.	<u>Cause</u> Tybalt challenges Romeo to a duel. When Romeo declines and tries to make peace, he accidentally interferes in an	<u>Cause</u> Her parents tell her that she must marry Paris; the nurse recommends that she follow along with her parents' wishes.

				argument between Mercutio and Tybalt.	
<p><u>Outcome</u> Benvolio's solution is to take Romeo to a ball at the Capulet mansion to find other beautiful girls.</p>	<p><u>Outcome</u> Two sworn enemies who do not have much of a chance of happiness together fall in love.</p>	<p><u>Outcome</u> Romeo and the nurse arrange the time and place for the secret ceremony.</p>	<p><u>Outcome</u> He joins two feuding families.</p>	<p><u>Outcome</u> Tybalt kills Mercutio; Romeo kills Tybalt; Romeo puts his relationship with Juliet at risk and is exiled from Verona.</p>	<p><u>Outcome</u> Juliet decides to no longer trust the nurse and is willing to even take her life before marrying Paris.</p>