
The Extreme Effects of Love and Hate in Romeo and Juliet, a Play by William Shakespeare

The short story Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare is about two people who fall in love despite their familie's hatred. The theme of the story is that love and hate can make people do extreme things.

One extreme reaction to love is that Friar Laurence's plan could easily have failed. Juliet went to Friar Laurence to give her an idea so she didn't have to marry Paris or she would kill herself with a knife. "Juliet agreed to do as Friar Laurence suggested, so the Friar sent a messenger to Romeo to explain the plan and request his presence at the crypt" (164). The message to Romeo was delayed so he thinks his wife is dead and he rushes to the Capulet crypt to see her.

Another extreme reaction to love is Romeo and Juliet got married quickly. Romeo and his friend went to the Capulet party so that Romeo would forget Rosaline. When Romeo saw Juliet he said "I never saw true beauty till this night" (158). Romeo and Juliet fall in love even though their families hate each other. When they see each other they make their decision to marry secretly in Friar Laurence's house.

The final extreme thing that happened is that Romeo and Juliet die. When Romeo got in the Capulet crypt "He pulled out a vial of poison that he had purchased on the way" (165) and he was saying "Oh my love, my wife" (165). After 24 hours Juliet woke up and saw that Romeo was dead. "Juliet knelt next to Romeo, taking the knife that he kept sheathed at his waist" (166) and she stabbed herself by saying "There rust, and let me die" (166).

In conclusion, Romeo and Juliet make some decisions very quickly which can lead to very extreme things and sometime love can lead people to die. In life, love is the most important because you can buy clothes or anything except love.