



# Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

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## Rationale

- This curriculum unit is designed for teaching William Shakespeare's The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet to regular education ninth grade students. This unit reaches out to a classroom consisting of many socio-economic backgrounds and cultures, and we hope students grasp issues and ideas from the drama which relate to Shakespeare, the Elizabethan time period, and the English language. We hope to reach out to students by relating the content of this unit to issues present in today's society and individual students' lives. After all, students are much more willing to learn if they have personal interest or investment in the learning product.

## Executive Approach

## Overview

- This curriculum unit is designed for the regular education, ninth grade student. The unit uses The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet to explore drama through Shakespeare and a variety of themes and literature components.

<u>Goals and Objectives</u>	<u>Activities</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will develop an understanding of the Elizabethan time period.</li><li>• Students will develop an understanding of drama.</li><li>• Students will become familiar with different linguistic patterns</li><li>• Students will learn the three components of the Elizabethan Era: demographics, Shakespeare's life, as well as cultural elements.</li><li>• Students will incorporate correct grammar and punctuation usage when writing in order to communicate messages , thoughts, and ideas.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooperative Groups</li><li>• Manipulatives</li><li>• Discovery Activities</li></ul>

