

Minor Writing Task

At the end of *Romeo and Juliet* Montague says he will have a statue of Juliet made and put on display. Write the speech that either Capulet or Montague gives at the unveiling of the statue, which has love as its main theme.

Remember this is a discursive speech – in other words Capulet or Montague are not here to argue over responsibility for their children’s deaths but to commemorate the two lovers and reflect on what they have learnt from what happened.

An effective speech includes the following – a rhetorical question (one you don’t expect an answer to); a list of three (‘colleagues, friends and family will ...’; ‘these two agreed to love, honour and respect ...’); a contrasting pair (‘although our families hated with a vengeance these two children loved with a passion’) and includes the audience (‘we all loved these two children as our own’).

PLANNING

Remember to sort out the structure of your writing before you begin. Use the box below to help you:

Remember: Purpose; Audience; Form; Formality.

Spend about 10 minutes on this task.