

12 – THE DISOBEDIENT DAUGHTER

How much are Juliet's parents to blame for her actions?

WHAT YOU NEED

- Some pieces of note paper, or a notebook and something to write with.
- A computer with internet connection, ready to visit [this clip](#).
- A copy of Act 3 Scene 5 from Romeo and Juliet, either to read on the page or onscreen.

ACTIVITY

- Watch the video clip above of the RSC actors exploring Lord Capulet's feelings in Act 3 Scene 5 (from time code 0:51 to 2:20).
- Read the scene for yourself from Lord Capulet's entrance with the Nurse (about halfway through) and highlight or annotate all the things that Lord Capulet says which reveal his emotions.
- Have a look at the things you have highlighted. Try to sum up each emotion in one word. Write them down until you have a list of all the emotions Lord Capulet feels during this scene.
- If you have time, watch the [scene in performance](#). Can you spot the actor playing Lord Capulet feel the emotions on your list?
- Ask yourself: How does Lord Capulet's behaviour make you feel? Whose side does Shakespeare want his audience to take?

EXTENSION

- Look at Act 3 Scene 5, find the speech of Lord Capulet's that begins 'God's bread, it makes me mad!' It comes about halfway through the scene. Imagine you are Lord Capulet and record yourself saying the speech to your disobedient daughter. Don't worry if you don't understand what it all means.
- Now imagine you are Juliet and find a piece of paper and something to draw with. Take them to a place in the room and imagine you have been told not to move from that spot. Play your recording of Lord Capulet's speech with your eyes closed. As you listen to it, write down or draw how he makes you feel. When the recording has finished, open your eyes and see what you've done to the page.