

the Love Connection

Your task is to track what the major characters of *Romeo and Juliet* Act I say about love and marriage. Parts of the chart are already completed for you to serve as examples.

In the “**Lines**” column, record the lines as they appear in the play along with their citation (Act.scene.lines). Then draw some conclusions about each quotation. What insights do they give you into each character’s experiences with, feelings toward, and/or attitudes about love and marriage?

Explain these insights in the “**Insights**” column. Analyze; do not simply restate the character’s words.

Character	Lines	Insights
Romeo	Love is a smoke raised with the fume of sighs; Being purged, a fire sparkling in lovers' eyes; Being vexed a sea nourished with lovers' tears: What is it else? a madness most discreet, A choking gall and a preserving sweet. (I.i.191-195)	
Benvolio		
Paris	Younger than she are happy mothers made. (I.ii.12)	Paris is eager to marry. Age is not an issue to him.
Lord Capulet	And too soon marred are those so early made. (I.ii.13) But woo her, gentle Paris, get her heart, My will to her consent is but a part; An she agree, within her scope of choice Lies my consent and fair according voice. (I.ii.16-19)	
Juliet	It is an honor that I dream not of. (I.iii.66) I'll look to like, if looking liking move: But no more deep will I endart mine eye Than your consent gives strength to make it fly. (I.iii.97-99)	

Lady Capulet

Nurse

Mercutio

If love be rough with you, be rough with love;
Prick love for pricking, and you beat love down!
(I.iv.27-28)