

Romeo and Juliet Essay Prompt

For the last few months, you've been tracking a **specific thematic concept** throughout *Romeo and Juliet* on your Theme Log. Now that we're at the end of the play, you'll be writing a formal persuasive essay focused on **that theme**. Before writing the essay, you must first craft a thesis statement. Once that thesis is approved by Mr. Benton, you will complete an outline and get that approved before finally writing the revised, edited essay. Here is the prompt:

Assert to the reader that it was Shakespeare's intention to express a specific message that relates to the ideas you have been tracking on your Theme Log throughout the play. What is the meaning of the play as a whole? How does Shakespeare use the content of the play to communicate this message? Write an essay in which you explain the meaning of the play as a whole; do not merely summarize the plot.