

## Who is to Blame in Romeo and Juliet

Two family's hate for one another destroys a pair of star-crossed lovers. Juliet was from the family of the Capulet's; Romeo, the family of the Montague's. Both families deeply despise each other, yet two young teenagers were able to fall madly in love at first sight. Romeo and Juliet had to hide their relationship from their own parents because they knew that their families hate for each other would not allow them to be together. The two families held on to their hatred for one another, making Romeo and Juliet's relationship complicating. If the Montague's and Capulet's discarded their hate for one another, Romeo and Juliet would have never given up their own lives to be with each other.

First of all, the Montague's and Capulet's did not try to make amends with one another. They despised each other and would taunt one another until there was a fight between the two families. At the beginning of the play, for example, Benvolio and Tybalt were taunting each other until they ended up in a fight. The two families could have altered their relationship, yet they chose not to. All the fights that occurred, and all the people that were killed in Romeo and Juliet, were caused by the family feud between the Capulet's and the Montague's. There wouldn't even be a tragic ending for Romeo and Juliet if it wasn't for all the hate between the two families.

Secondly, Juliet's parents kept telling her that she was to marry Paris. Juliet was already married to Romeo, but her parents did not know that. Juliet told her parents that she refused to marry Paris, but her parents didn't listen to her. The only way for Juliet to be with Romeo was for her to drink the potion that Friar Laurence had given to her. Her parents were forcing her to marry someone she had no feelings for; Paris was not the person that she loved, Romeo was. If Juliet's parents didn't force her to marry Paris, Juliet would have never decided to take the potion, causing Romeo to believe that she was dead. If the Capulet's didn't tell Juliet to marry Paris, she would have never chosen to drink the potion.

Lastly, the two families hate for one another made them blind from seeing how much Romeo and Juliet loved each other. Romeo and Juliet were obviously in love, but it was forbidden. If the two families didn't hate each other, Romeo and Juliet would have been able to have a relationship that wasn't so dangerous for both of them. In the end, all that hate did was bring sadness to both of the families. Their hate for one another resulted in two young teenagers ending up dead because of their forbidden love. Romeo and Juliet's parents did not know that hate would lead them nowhere until both of their children's were dead. Hate clouds the mind and is misleading; the Montague's and Capulet's needed to learn how to forgive and move on.

Therefore, the Capulet's and the Montague's are both to blame for the tragic end of Romeo and Juliet. Their hate for one another made Romeo and Juliet's relationship almost impossible. They didn't put their differences aside to see that their children were deeply in love. The hate the two families had ended up hurting their children the most. They weren't allowed to love each other because of the family feud between the two families. The Montague's and the Capulet's hate for each other was futile because all it did was kill two innocent people in love.