

MAJOR EVENTS

WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON STAGE

1. Feuding families

An "ancient grudge" between the Montague and Capulet families flares up in the streets of Verona and there is a brawl. The Prince gives both families a warning: death to anyone he catches fighting again.

2. Romeo Meets Juliet

Romeo sees Juliet after crashing a party her father throws, and it's love at first sight. He sneaks into the Capulet's garden and finds Juliet on her balcony. They profess their love for each other and make plans to be married as soon as possible.

3. The Lovers Elope

With help from Juliet's Nurse and Romeo's friend Friar Laurence, Romeo and Juliet are secretly married the next day.

4. Death in the Streets

Their happiness doesn't last long. Romeo soon meets Juliet's angry cousin Tybalt in the street and is challenged to a fight. Romeo refuses, but his friend Mercutio takes Tybalt up on the challenge. Tybalt kills Mercutio and Romeo then kills Tybalt.

5. Banishment

As punishment, the Prince orders that Romeo be banished from Verona. Romeo spends one last night with Juliet before escaping to Mantua.

6. Juliet Fakes Her Death

Soon afterward (and unaware that she is already married), Juliet's father tells her she must marry his friend Paris in two days time. She is less than thrilled with this plan, and goes back to Friar Laurence for help. He gives her a sleeping potion she can use to fake her own death.

7. Double Suicide

Hearing the news and mistakenly thinking Juliet is really dead, Romeo sneaks back to Verona to see her one last time in the Capulet tomb. He drinks poison and dies at her side. When the sleeping drug wears off, Juliet wakes to find her husband dead and she too kills herself.

8. Reconciliation

The warring families arrive at the tomb and find their children dead in each other's arms. In their mutual mourning, the families finally make peace.