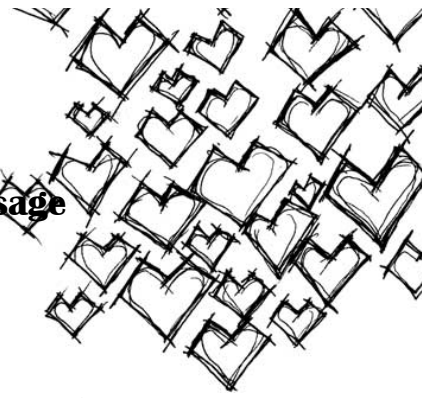




# *Courting* Via Text Message



## *The Sitch – Here's the Situation*

Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet are having difficulty seeing each other in person because their families are enemies. Romeo and Juliet, nevertheless, have found an ingenious way of communicating with each other: text messaging! Due to a careless moment, however, Romeo's cell phone was destroyed when he dropped it into his bathtub. Your job is to recreate the text messages that were lost from Romeo's phone.

## *Assignment*

Working individually, completely recreate a scene in the play as it would be communicated through text messaging. Be sure to do the following:

1. Maintain Shakespeare's meaning. Don't lose important details in translation!
2. Capture the critical plot developments from the scene.
3. Capture the character's personalities.
4. Paraphrase some of the important lines from the play in modern day text-language. (Don't pretend you don't speak it every day!)
5. Keep the language school appropriate! However, for this assignment, and this assignment only, text abbreviations are acceptable.
6. Be sure your text conversation is at least one page in length.

## *Scene Selection*

Choose one of the following scenes in the play to recreate in text-language.

- 1.5 - The Capulet's Party & Romeo and Juliet's first conversation.
- 2.2 - The Balcony Scene & the exchange of love vows with a promise to marry.
- 2.4 - Romeo with his friends and the nurse establishing a plan for the wedding.

\*\*\*Be sure to consult the text book when you write your scene!!! Accuracy is important!\*\*\*

# Evaluation

Your work will be graded according to:

- Accuracy to the play (keeping facts and details the same without eliminating important information).
- Accuracy of your paraphrasing of famous lines (I should be able to recognize several famous lines from your texting, but they should be transformed into your modern text language, giving Shakespeare's words a new twist).
- Accuracy of the characters and their personalities.

*Example* Act II, Scene 3 - Romeo discusses marrying Juliet with Friar Laurence.

Romeo: Wuz up?

Friar: Nutten. U?

Romeo: My life is sweet n im in luuuuvvvv : )

Friar: yayaya, i kno all bout rosaline.

Romeo: Nah. New babe.

Friar: 4real?!?!?!?

Romeo: True dat. I got it 4 Juliet.

Friar: Ur enemy?

Romeo: No... my luv!

Friar: Young men's luv is in their i's [Translation of Friar Laurence's more famous line: "Young men's love then lies / Not truly in their hearts, but in their eyes."]

Romeo: She iz my heart n soul. Swear.

Friar: U change ur mind faster den a rapper spits. SMH.

Romeo: Not this time. 4sure.

Friar: i guess it could bring peace to both the fams.

Romeo: So...u'll marry us?!?!?!?

Friar: umm ....

Romeo: come on. =)

Friar: k. =/

Romeo: SWEET! Ur awesome! C u this PM 2 tie the knot!!!

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Act \_\_\_\_\_ Scene \_\_\_\_\_  
Make sure you label who is saying what!  
*(P.S. If I can't read it, it's incomplete!)*

