

**Subject:** English

**Grade:** 9

**Unit:** *Romeo and Juliet*

**Lesson Title:** Introduction to Shakespeare and *Romeo and Juliet*

**Time:** 75 minutes

**Materials:**

- paper
- pencils
- handouts
- computer

**Learning Objectives:**

- use strategies to anticipate content and engage students pertaining to Shakespearean literature
- discover the definition of challenging and unusual vocabulary used in Shakespeare plays
- draw connection between the plot of *Romeo and Juliet* in relation to their own person thinking

		<b>Teacher is Doing:</b>	<b>Students are Doing:</b>
	15 minutes	-silent reading	-silent reading
	10 minutes	-introduce Shakespearean snowball activity: Students write down their likes and dislikes onto a piece of paper and then crumple them up into paper balls and throw them into the middle of the classroom. After a minute, each student picks up a "snowball" and reads the statement out loud to the class	-making paper balls and reading the statements out loud to the class
	5 minutes	-hand out the handout on Shakespeare's biography & read biography out loud	-fill out the handout as I read
	3 minutes	-go over the handout to make sure students have all blanks filled in	-filling in any missed blanks
	8 minutes	-the insult game: give each student a handout of Shakespeare insults	-students have to walk around the room insulting each other using only the words on the handout given to them
	5 minutes	-give out R & J books	-signing out books
	5 minutes	-hand out questionnaire	-fill out the questionnaire individually
	5 minutes	-share their responses with the person sitting next to them	-sharing responses

	2 minutes	-give a quick synopsis of the play	-listening
	7 minutes	-discussion question: what are the most common objections parents have about their children's boyfriends and girlfriends?	-sharing responses as a class
	2 minutes	-hand out list of terms	-receiving handout
	10 minutes	-discussion of terms- giving explanation and examples	-listening, adding examples to their handout
	4 minutes	** if time permits -show quick video on Shakespearan language from UBC teacher candidates <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8OTzcbf090">www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8OTzcbf090</a>	-watching video