

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 5 Scene 3 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Juliet has awoken to find Juliet dead and the Watch approaching.

5	<p>JULIET What's here? a cup, closed in my true love's hand? Poison, I see, hath been his timeless end: O churl! drunk all, and left no friendly drop To help me after? I will kiss thy lips; Haply some poison yet doth hang on them, To make die with a restorative.</p> <p><i>Kisses him</i></p> <p>Thy lips are warm.</p> <p>First Watchman [Within] Lead, boy: which way?</p>
10	<p>JULIET Yea, noise? then I'll be brief. O happy dagger!</p> <p><i>Snatching ROMEO's dagger</i></p> <p>This is thy sheath;</p> <p><i>Stabs herself</i></p> <p>there rust, and let me die.</p>
15	<p><i>Falls on ROMEO's body, and dies</i></p>

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Starting with this moment in the play, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents Juliet as someone whose decisions are led by others.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Juliet at this moment in the play.
- how Shakespeare presents Juliet in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question