

## Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 3 Scene 4 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Lord and Lady Capulet are discussing Juliet's marriage with Paris.

	<b>CAPULET</b>
	Things have fall'n out, sir, so unluckily, That we have had no time to move our daughter: Look you, she loved her kinsman Tybalt dearly, And so did I:--Well, we were born to die.
5	'Tis very late, she'll not come down to-night: I promise you, but for your company, I would have been a-bed an hour ago.
	<b>PARIS</b>
	These times of woe afford no time to woo. Madam, good night: commend me to your daughter.
	<b>LADY CAPULET</b>
10	I will, and know her mind early to-morrow; To-night she is mew'd up to her heaviness.
	<b>CAPULET</b>
	Sir Paris, I will make a desperate tender Of my child's love: I think she will be ruled In all respects by me; nay, more, I doubt it not.
15	Wife, go you to her ere you go to bed; Acquaint her here of my son Paris' love; And bid her, mark you me, on Wednesday next-- But, soft! what day is this?
	<b>PARIS</b>
	Monday, my lord,
	<b>CAPULET</b>
20	Monday! ha, ha! Well, Wednesday is too soon, O' Thursday let it be: o' Thursday, tell her, She shall be married to this noble earl. Will you be ready? do you like this haste? We'll keep no great ado,--a friend or two;
25	For, hark you, Tybalt being slain so late, It may be thought we held him carelessly, Being our kinsman, if we revel much: Therefore we'll have some half a dozen friends, And there an end. But what say you to Thursday?
	<b>PARIS</b>
30	My lord, I would that Thursday were to-morrow.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities in the extract.
- how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question