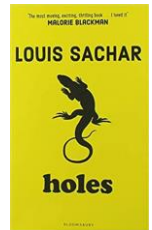


Romeo, Romeo



Romeo and Juliet is a play written by Shakespeare. It is a tragic love story where the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, are supposed to be sworn enemies but fall in love. Due to their families' ongoing conflict, they cannot be together so they commit suicide because they cannot cope with being separated from one another. *Romeo and Juliet* is a Shakespearean tragedy. Louis Sachar's story is set in the Camp Green Lake juvenile detention centre. Stanley Yelnats, sentenced to penal labour – digging holes in the desert – begins to tap into the secrets and deception that lie at the heart of the facility. Masquerading as a character building exercise, what is the real reason behind the holes?

Key Vocabulary

Montague	A surname given to a member of Romeo's family in William Shakespeare's <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> .
Capulet	A surname given to a member of Juliet's family in William Shakespeare's <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> .
Conflict	A serious disagreement or argument.
Tragedy	A play dealing with tragic events and having an unhappy ending, especially one concerning the downfall of the main character.
Banish	To be expelled to a country or place.
Fray	A fight.
Verona	A city in Northern Italy. It is the setting of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> .
Monastery	A building occupied by monks.
Catholicism	Part of Christianity and is followed by Catholics.
Dissolution	The action of formally ending something – in this case, the monasteries!
Elizabethan	Relating to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.
Shakespeare	A famous English playwright who wrote <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> .
Playwright	Someone who pens/writes plays.
Monarch	A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire like a King or Queen.
Monarchy	A state that has a King or Queen.
Reign	The period in which a monarch occupies a throne.
Feud	A prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute.

Key Dates

April 23rd 1564	The bard is born
April 26th 1566	The bard is baptised
November 28, 1582	Shakespeare marries
1590	First play
1599	Globe theatre built
1613	Final plays
April 23, 1616	Shakespeare dies

James I
 (reigned from 1603 to 1625)

Elizabeth I
 (reigned from 1558 to 1603)



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