



Theme dominoes cut out cards

KS4 > Drama > Romeo and Juliet

How it works

Photocopy the resource so that you have enough sets for pairs or small groups. Cut the sheets up into dominoes and you're ready to play. There will probably be 30 versions of the rules in your class, so clarify these first. Students have a certain number of dominoes each. The first person lays one. The next looks at their dominoes and finds a quotation to match the theme or a theme to match the quotation. Give it a practice run otherwise 'time' will be matched with 'time'! The group decides by consensus whether a match has been made correctly – this may be fast or slow so either have the next activity ready or give them a good grilling about their decisions. If a student can't go, s/he can pick up a new domino, or take a blank one and create one that fits. First person to get rid of all their dominoes is ostensibly the winner, though the real winner is of course the one who learns most about *Romeo and Juliet*! This resource is a nice way of getting students to think about how quotations illustrate themes. It encourages creativity as there are multiple possibilities in completing the task and it is open to debate. The blank dominoes provide space for less secure students to use what knowledge they do have, and for very strong students to add their own interesting connections.

Try this!

Dominoes can be a bit boring with two people, and in this version the point is to discuss *Romeo and Juliet* so I'd probably go for groups of three or four here. If I'd done enough smiling at a resources technician recently, I'd ask them to copy them onto coloured card and make nice laminated versions for me – students can write on/wipe off the blanks with OHT pens. I might enlarge the cards too if I were feeling really raffish.

Or this!

I'd probably use this as part of an essay writing development activity. After playing the game, groups would each do a big A3 spidergram for one theme, showing which quotations went with it. We'd add more quotations. Then we'd work out what ideas about the theme the quotations illustrated, and so on until we had a nice essay plan.

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DARKNESS	TIME	DEATH	LIGHT
Full soon the canker death	Well, peace be with you, sir	Too swift arrives too tardy as too slow	Fetch me my rapier, boy.

DARKNESS	DARKNESS	TIME	DEATH
Earth treading stars, that make dark heaven light	It is the East and Juliet is the sun.	No less, Nay bigger. Women grow by men	What, with a torch, muffle me night awhile.

LOVE	DARKNESS	LOVE	LOVE
There is no world without Verona walls.	The sun for sorrow will not show his head	Give me a torch	Let two more summers wither in their prime

FATE	DARKNESS	LOVE	LIGHT
Tybalt you ratcatcher - will you walk?	Why then, O brawling love, O loving hate,	O blessed, blessed night - I am afar'd	Black and portentous must this humour prove....

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DEATH	DEATH	DISORDER	TIME
For this alliance may so happy prove.	Come Lammas Eve at night shall she be fourteen....	Madam, an hour before the worshipped sun	Are you so hot?

FATE	TIME	LOVE	DARKNESS
Blind is his love and best befits the dark	Spread thy close curtains, love performing night	My grave is like to be my wedding bed	Come night - Come Romeo.

DEATH	TIME	FATE	FATE
Death lies on her like an untimely frost	Younger than she are happy mothers made	Turn thee Benvolio - look upon thy death	It was the nightingale and not the lark

DISORDER	TIME	FATE	DEATH
Oh I am fortune's fool	I would the fool were married to her grave	O she doth teach the torches to burn bright	My only love sprung from my only hate

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FATE	LIGHT	LIGHT	DISORDER
For blood of ours shed blood of Montague	But he that hath the steerage of my course	From forth the fatal loins of these two foes	Gallop apace you fiery footed steeds

YOUTH	TIME	YOUTH	TIME

DEATH	LOVE	DEATH	LOVE

LIGHT	DARK	HATE	HATE