

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

## ROMEO

L.O: To explore the first scene of the play and Romeo's introduction.

Indicates a — HIERARCHY  
sense of royalty/leadership / Far from wanting peace

The prince looks down on his subjects "Rebellious subjects, enemies to peace — Juxtaposition  
Profaners of this neighbour-stained steel!"  
Will they not hear? — What, ho? You men, you beasts"

Referring to the Bible saying: "Love thy neighbour" stained with blood inhumane, animalistic attribute Shows the behaviour (angry/violent) of the men.

Punctuation used signifies the Prince's anger quite insults

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Italian name meaning — on a pilgrimage  
'pilgrim' to Juliet

He was always destined to meet Juliet and fall in love with her

THEME OF DESTINY

In Act 1 Scene 1, Shakespeare presents Romeo as a lustful character and is attracted to good looks. This is seen in the extract where he tells Benvolio that he is supposedly in love: \*  
When describing the woman he loves, Romeo only speaks of her looks and nothing beyond that. He says that her decision of living chaste will be a waste of her beauty. This was quite normal to say during the time, as they lived in a patriarchal society and had a lot of control over women. It also indicates the fact that Romeo behaves like a typical teenage boy, who becomes attracted to women based on their looks, rather than personality or character.

\* "Oh, she is rich in beauty, only poor"