

## Step 5 : Romeo+Juliet: the trailer

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZqxOb2tJlo>

### A- WATCH THE DOCUMENT

a) The film is :

- A comedy
- A romantic-drama
- A thriller
- A fantasy-film

b) The main characters are:

- group of teenagers
- young adults
- a young couple
- a businessman

c) The film is set in:

- in modern times
- in the past
- in a fantasy world
- in the 1980s

d) The story takes place in :

- a forest and a small town
- a school in L.A.
- a city and a beach
- a house

e) The film is about

- a murder
- a war between two worlds
- two people who fall in love.
- a famous person

f) The tone of the film is:

- funny
- violent
- romantic
- scary

g) The film was based on:

- a TV series
- a true story
- an historical event
- a book

h) The screenplay

- was written for the film
- was adapted from the original text
- is a modern-day version of the original dialogue
- is an adapted version of the original dialogue

1. Type of document: a trailer .....

2. The plot: The impossible love of two teenagers .....

### B - WATCH IT AGAIN

Title: Romeo + Juliet .....

Author: Shakespeare .....

The leading roles: Claire Danes & Leonardo Di Caprio .....

Date of release: 1997 .....

The main themes: love / hatred / revenge .....

The soundtrack: Rock / violent .....

### C- Listen to the narrator's introduction

3 ..... From forth the fatal loins of these two foes,

5 ..... a pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life

1 ..... In fair Verona where we lay our scene

4 ..... Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean

2 ..... Two households both alike in dignity

## D – Complete this recap of the trailer

RELEASED / LOVE / WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE / MONTAGUE / TEENAGERS / LEONARDO DI CAPRIO / ENTITLED / CLARE DANES / ORIGINAL / VERONA / TRAILER / PLAY / VIOLENT / FALL IN LOVE / ROMANTIC / MODERN / CAPULET

This document is a trailer. The film presented, which is entitled Romeo + Juliet, is a romantic drama set in modern times and taking place in a Verona. The main characters are a group of teenagers. This film is about two people who fall in love. Yet, although it is about the greatest love story the world has ever known, the tone of the film is quite violent.

It is an adaptation from a play written by William Shakespeare. The Leading roles are played by Leonardo Di Caprio (Romeo) and Claire Danes (Juliet). The names of the two families are the Capulets and the Montagues. The screenplay is a modern-day version of the original dialogue. The film was released in 1997 and was a blockbuster.

It tells the story of two star-crossed lovers who can't love each other because of their families' feud.

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## E – What are the elements of a good trailer ?

- a good story
- a good plot (=intrigue)
- we have to see the main characters
- there must be a voice-over
- motion graphics / written lines (with the title, the date of release, the names of actors...)
- a good soundtrack or opening music
- camera angles
- a good pace / rhythm / a few different "key" scenes