

Write an essay in which you discuss *Romeo and Juliet*, based on the statement that is provided for you in the Critical Lens.

In your essay,

provide a valid interpretation of the statement,
agree or disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it,
and support your opinion using specific references to appropriate literary elements from the work.

You may use scrap paper to plan your response.

Write your essay on the paper given to you by your teachers.

Critical Lens:

They stumble that run fast.

Guidelines:

Be sure to

- Provide a valid interpretation of the critical lens that clearly explains what you think it means.
- Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement as you have interpreted it.
- Use the ideas suggested by the critical lens to analyze the work of literature.
- Avoid plot summary. Instead, use specific references to appropriate literary elements (for example: theme, characterization, setting, point of view) to develop your analysis.
- Organize your ideas in a unified and coherent manner.
- Specify the title and author of the work of literature.
- Follow the conventions of standard written English.