

Romeo and Juliet

Benvolio's Eye Witness Account



After Tybalt has killed Mercutio in a fight, Romeo kills Tybalt, and then runs away before he can be caught. Prince Escalus tries to find out what has happened: how did this fight start, who started it, who killed Mercutio, who killed Tybalt? He asks Romeo's cousin Benvolio to provide the facts, as Benvolio has been there and seen it all.

Imagine that you are Benvolio, and you are giving an eye-witness account to the Prince. How will you try and make sense of what has just happened? Can you explain why Mercutio, Tybalt, and Romeo acted in the way they did? Do you think one of them is to blame for the deaths?