

Act I:

- fight between two families Montagues and Capulets
- Prince Escalus mad and says no more fighting
- Romeo in love with Rosaline but she doesn't love him
- Capulet wants Paris to marry Juliet and plans a party
- Romeo goes to party to see if Rosaline will be there
- Mercutio tells Romeo to cheer up
- at the party, Romeo and Juliet fall in love

Act II:

- after the party, Romeo overhears Juliet declaring her love for him (famous balcony scene)
- they decide to marry
- Friar Laurence agrees to marry Romeo and Juliet in hope that the Montague/Capulet feud will end
- Romeo catches up with Mercutio and Benvolio where Juliet's Nurse meets up with him
- the wedding is set for later that day and Romeo and Juliet are married

Act III:

- Benvolio and Mercutio (M's) meet Tybalt (C). Tybalt tries to provoke Romeo into fighting (they started at the ball in Act I). Romeo refuses because Tybalt is now family
- Instead, Mercutio fights Tybalt and is killed. Romeo goes into a frenzy and kills Tybalt.
- The Prince banishes Romeo from Verona
- Romeo realizes that he cannot see Juliet anymore but goes to her one more time
- Capulet decides that Juliet will be married to Paris . . . on Thursday
- Romeo and Juliet have spent the night together before he leaves Verona
- Juliet vows to commit suicide if she cannot get out of marrying Paris (no one but Friar Laurence and the Nurse know they are married)