*Romeo and Juliet* Essay

Write a 5-paragraph essay about a theme that you found interesting in *Romeo and Juliet*

THEME: the main idea of a literary work and/ or the message that the author is trying to convey

THESIS: the main argument of an essay

Possible thematic topics of exploration in *Romeo and Juliet*

1. love
2. hate and rivalry
3. adolescent choices
4. impulse decisions
5. parental choices and influences
6. opposing forces of life (i.e. life and death, reason vs. emotion)
7. destiny and choice
8. family
9. friendship
10. trust and/or secrecy
11. maturity
12. courage
13. sacrifice
14. you pick a topic of exploration (please have it approved by me, thanks)

You will create a thesis statement from one of the above thematic topics or combination of thematic topics. Create an argument by asking yourself a question; for example: what does *Romeo and Juliet* say about love in our lives? Your *answer* becomes the argument for your essay.

Structure:

Standard 5-paragraph essay:

🡪 funnel introductory paragraph

🡪 body paragraphs (proof for your thesis: quotations and textual examples)

🡪 conclusion, don’t forget your memorable statement

See your essay outline sheet for a more comprehensive structure

Evaluation:

See your rubric

**NOTE: you will lose marks if your essay does not follow MLA formatting standards**