

# ROMEO AND JULIET

## And the Oscar goes to...

**If you were making a trailer for the movie based on the prologue and the clues it gives, what would you put in that trailer?**

**Task: Watch three different trailers for movie versions of Romeo and Juliet.**

(Note for responsible adults: Although the Baz Luhrmann film is a 12A certificate, you may consider the trailer to be appropriate to show to students. However, it does feature use of guns, albeit no explicit violence. Please therefore review and use your own judgement.)

Trailer 1 Search Romeo and Juliet Zeffirelli trailer 1968 or use this [link](#)

Trailer 2 Search Romeo and Juliet Luhrmann trailer 1996 or use this [link](#)

Trailer 3 Search Romeo and Juliet trailer 2013 or use this [link](#)

Using the trailer analysis grid to consider the effectiveness of the following aspects of the trailer

- Use of music and silence – what type of music is used? Romantic? Exciting? A combination of different types? What instruments can you hear? Are the sounds ‘traditional’ or ‘modern’? Are there moments of silence or quiet between music? What is the effect?
- Voiceover - is there a voiceover? What does the voice sound like? How do the words that the person uses persuade you to see the film?
- Shots - are there any long shots showing particularly important characters or settings? Are there any quick cuts or shots that suggest excitement?
- Text - Is there any text on the screen? What is its purpose?

## Trailer analysis grid

<b>Features to look out for</b>	<b>Zeffirelli version</b>	<b>Luhrmann version</b>	<b>2013 version</b>
<b>Music and Silence</b>			
<b>Voiceover</b>			
<b>Camera angles and shots</b>			
<b>Text on screen</b>			

**Question: Which is your favourite trailer? Why?**

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**Challenge!** Create your own movie trailers based on the Romeo and Juliet trailers you have seen using apps such as iMovie or PC programs such as Windows Movie Maker, adding in your own transitions, text, voiceover etc. and speeding up/slowing down the action.

**Top tip:** Try to include key story elements in the trailer such as:

- Love at first sight
- Conflict and fighting between rival families
- Danger and threat to the lovers