Romeo & Juliet Final Project

Throughout our study of *Romeo and Juliet*, we have focused on how Shakespeare develops interesting and deep characters. Shakespeare's character development is one important reason his plays are still famous and replicated today.

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For your final project, you will choose a well-known modern work that captures the spirit of the characters in *Romeo and Juliet*. Your essay will explore how two characters in that modern work compare to two characters in *Romeo and Juliet.* Your guiding question for this essay is:

☞**What makes two modern characters Shakespearean?**☜

Ye Olde Rubric

RL8.1 & R.L8.3	The essay uses **textual evidence** that most strongly supports an analysis of R&J and the modern work. ❏ I used at least 4 quotes from *Romeo and Juliet* AND the modern work of my choice to support my ideas (2 from each). ❏ My essay uses important and specific moments of action and dialogue in its analysis of the characters. ❏ My essay shows that the modern characters are reflections of Shakespearean characters in their internal conflicts and decisions.	/20
RL.8.2	The essay determines important themes, as they apply to characters in the play, and analyze the themes' development, including relationship to the characters. ❏ I can discuss the theme of Romeo and Juliet and explain how my character mirrors that theme.	/10
W.8.2	Student can write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. ❏ I have introduced my topic clearly and previewed what was to follow ❏ My introduction "hooks" the reader and shows the importance of Shakespeare today while introducing the modern work ❏ The essay includes at least two body paragraphs with textual evidence ❏ The essay uses appropriate transitional phrasing and flows from paragraph to paragraph ❏ The essay provides a concluding statement/section that supports the essay's main points	/20
L.8.1	Student can demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing. ❏ I used correct grammar in my essay reflection	/5