

Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from Act 3 Scene 4 of Romeo and Juliet and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play the Lord and Lady Capulet are discussing Juliet's marriage with Paris.

	CAPULET
	Things have fall'n out, sir, so unluckily, That we have had no time to move our daughter: Look you, she loved her kinsman Tybalt dearly, And so did I:--Well, we were born to die.
5	'Tis very late, she'll not come down to-night: I promise you, but for your company, I would have been a-bed an hour ago.
	PARIS
	These times of woe afford no time to woo. Madam, good night: commend me to your daughter.
	LADY CAPULET
10	I will, and know her mind early to-morrow; To-night she is mew'd up to her heaviness.
	CAPULET
	Sir Paris, I will make a desperate tender Of my child's love: I think she will be ruled In all respects by me; nay, more, I doubt it not.
15	Wife, go you to her ere you go to bed; Acquaint her here of my son Paris' love; And bid her, mark you me, on Wednesday next-- But, soft! what day is this?
	PARIS
	Monday, my lord,
	CAPULET
20	Monday! ha, ha! Well, Wednesday is too soon, O' Thursday let it be: o' Thursday, tell her, She shall be married to this noble earl. Will you be ready? do you like this haste?
	We'll keep no great ado,--a friend or two;
25	For, hark you, Tybalt being slain so late, It may be thought we held him carelessly, Being our kinsman, if we revel much: Therefore we'll have some half a dozen friends, And there an end. But what say you to Thursday?
	PARIS
30	My lord, I would that Thursday were to-morrow.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities in the extract.
- how Shakespeare presents Lord Capulet's priorities in the play as a whole.

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Turn over for the next question