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## Star-cross'd lovers

## In this unit you will:

- study the opening sequences of two films of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
- examine some film techniques
- compare the two openings

Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet opens with a figure called the Chorus, who gives us the background to the story and some idea of what is going to happen. Then, in the opening scene, we meet two men of the house of Capulet boasting about their hatred of the rival house of Montague.

FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI'S 1968 ROMEO AND JULIET


This storyboard shows the opening sequence of a film version directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

| SHOT | TIME | SOUND \& MUSIC | DESCRIPTION OF SHOT | SHOT | DIALOGUE/ VOICE OVER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a-c | 00-34 secs | Music (romantic, orchestral). | (1a) Camera pans over long-shot of fifteenthcentury Verona, (1b) with the director's name superimposed, (1c) to focus on a misty sun. | Fruvco Zap frellis provicientor of | The Chorus is heard in voice-over (VO): Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona (where we lay our scene) From ancient grudge break to new mutiny, Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean. |
| 1d | 35-41 |  | The camera zooms in on the sun and the words William Shakespeare's appear below it. | WHLGAM SWAKKESPGARS | From forth the fatal loins of these... |
| 2a | 42 |  | Cut to a shot from inside the city walls. |  | ...two foes... |
| 2b | 43-47 |  | Title superimposed on the same shot. |  | ...A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life... |


| SHOT | TIME | SOUND \& MUSIC | DESCRIPTION <br> OF SHOT | SHOT | DIALOGUE/ VOICE-OVER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2c | 48 secs <br> -1 min <br> 03 secs | The music ends. | Citizens enter through the gate and the camera pans left. |  | Whose misadventured piteous overthrows Doth with their death bury their parents' strife. |
| 3 | 1.04-1.08 | Market sounds (which continue as background noise). | Shot looking down on a busy market. |  |  |
| 4 | 1.09-1.10 |  | The yellow-and-red-clad legs of two men walking through the market. |  | (The men are laughing heartily.) |
| 5 | 1.11-1.15 | Someone shouts 'Villain!' | One of the legs kicks a dog. |  | (They laugh even more loudly.) |
| 6 | 1.16-1.24 |  | First shot of the two men's faces - they are Capulet servants (C1 and C2). |  | C1 The quarrel is between our masters, and us, their men. C2 Ah, 'tis all one. |
| 7 | 1.25-1.27 |  | Capulet servants seen from behind a market stall. |  | C1 Here come the house of the Montagues! |
| 8 | 1.28-1.30 |  | Cut to another stall where the Montague priest (Mp) is seen talking to the stall-holder (S). |  | Mp Good morrow. S Good morrow to you, sir. |
| 9 | 1.31-1.33 |  | Cut back to the Capulets. |  | C2 Quarrel. I will back thee. C1 (hesitantly) Right... Fear me not. |

## BAZ LUHRMANN'S 1996 ROMEO + JULIET

This storyboard shows the opening sequence of a film version directed by Baz Luhrmann.

| SHOT | TIME | SOUND \& MUSIC | DESCRIPTION OF SHOT | SHOT | DIALOGUE/ VOICE-OVER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a-c | 00-06 secs | Interference noise from the TV which fades as the credits appear. | A television appears in the centre of a black screen - no picture, only interference. <br> Then credits appear: Twentieth Century Fox... |  |  |
| 1d | 07-41 |  | A newsreader (N) appears on the TV screen, behind her an image of a broken ring, with the caption STAR-CROSS'D LOVERS. |  | N Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona, where we lay our scene... |

...From ancient grudge break to new mutiny, Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes, A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life,
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows Doth with their death bury their parents' strife.
The fearful passage of their death-marked love, And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could remove, Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage.

| 1e-2 | 42-49 | As she finishes speaking, dramatic music (which continues to the end of shot 6). | As she completes her report, the camera zooms in to a blurred image, which resolves itself into the street of a major city, seen from above. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Shots 2 and 3 appear several times in the space of two seconds...

| 3 |  | The caption: IN FAIR VERONA | IN FAR VERONA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 50-52 | The enormous statue of Christ on top of a church. |  |  |
| 5 | 53 | A city skyline showing, on each side of the statue, tower blocks bearing the names MONTAGUE and CAPULET. |  |  |

