Romeo and Juliet

Imagine dying for a girl that you have only known for a couple of days. This is what happens to Romeo in the play, Romeo and Juliet. This is a play that William Shakespeare wrote between 1591 and 1595. At the end of the play, Romeo and Juliet both commit suicide. Although they killed themselves, there were other factors that led them to their demise. The three major causes of Romeo and Juliet’s deaths were bad choices, adult interference, and bad luck.

One cause of Romeo and Juliet’s death was the bad choices they both made. One example of a bad choice in Act II, scene iv is that Romeo and Juliet get married one day after they meet. This causes their death because their families are enemies, so they had to keep their marriage a secret. When you have to keep things secret, it almost always comes back to hurt you or someone you love. Another example of bad choices is that Romeo kisses Juliet on the balcony all night in Act II, scene ii. This was a really bad choice because if Romeo hadn’t snuck back onto the Capulet property to make out with Juliet on the balcony, they wouldn’t have gotten married. Because he let his passion control him, he paid with his life, and the life of the woman he loved.

Another cause of Romeo and Juliet’s death was adult interference. Although they made bad choices, the bad choices of adults in their lives were a bigger factor in their deaths. For example, in Act I, scene iii, Juliet’s mom wants Juliet to marry Paris. This led to Juliet’s death because after her mom told her to marry Paris, Juliet went to her room and drank potion that caused her to look like she was dead. She hated the thought of marrying a man she didn’t love, and was willing to take a chance on dying in order not to marry him. This caused her death because when Romeo thought she was dead, he killed himself, which caused her to kill herself when she woke up. If her mom and dad hadn’t tried to force that marriage, Juliet may still be alive. Another example of adult interference is that Romeo and Juliet’s parents are fighting in Act I, scene i. This led to Romeo and
Juliet’s death because while their parents are in a fight, Romeo and Juliet get married secretly and don’t tell anyone. The secrecy leads to more problems. If their parents weren’t so stubborn and full of hatred, Romeo and Juliet might have made a good match for each other, and had their parents’ blessings. Unfortunately, because of their parents’ choices to live a life of hatred, and force that feud on their son and daughter, their children died horrible deaths.

The third and most dominant reason for Romeo and Juliet’s death was simply bad luck. One example of bad luck in Act III, scene i is that Mercutio gets stabbed when Romeo jumps in to make peace between Tybalt and Mercutio. Romeo was only trying to break up the fight, but accidently caused his best friend to die. This led to Romeo and Juliet’s death because when Mercutio gets killed, Romeo gets so angry that he kills Tybalt. Although he probably shouldn’t have made that choice, it all started with a very unfortunate situation that was a matter of simple bad luck. Another example of bad luck is in Act iv, scene ii. Romeo’s friend reaches Romeo and tells him Juliet is dead before the message from Friar Lawrence arrives. This led to Romeo and Juliet’s death because the message said that Juliet wasn’t dead, but Romeo sees Juliet sleeping, thinks she’s dead, and kills himself. Moments later, Juliet wakes up and sees him dead, so she stabs herself and dies. The whole situation was very unfortunate because Friar John was held up in a house because of the plague. Talk about bad luck!

As you can see, the three major causes of Romeo and Juliet’s death were bad choices, adult interference and bad luck. An example of bad choices is that Romeo and Juliet got married in one day, and make out in the balcony all night. An example of adult interference is that Juliet’s mom wants Juliet to marry Paris, and Romeo and Juliet’s parents are fighting. Finally two examples of bad luck are when Romeo’s friend gets stabbed while he tries to make peace, and Romeo’s other friend gets to Romeo before the messenger does. If you want to know more about love, it would be a good
idea to watch or read William Shakespeare’s, Romeo and Juliet. However, it is important that you remember this: if you marry girl you barely know, you’ll probably end up dead!