
Romeo and Juliet

Read this extract from *Act 3 Scene 1* of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Benvolio and Mercutio are debating the ideas of conflict and opposition whilst wandering around the hot streets.

	BENVOLIO I pray thee, good Mercutio, let's retire: The day is hot, the Capulets abroad, And, if we meet, we shall not scape a brawl; For now, these hot days, is the mad blood stirring.
5	MERCUTIO Thou art like one of those fellows that when he enters the confines of a tavern claps me his sword upon the table and says 'God send me no need of thee!' and by the operation of the second cup draws it on the drawer, when indeed there is no need.
10	BENVOLIO Am I like such a fellow?
	MERCUTIO Come, come, thou art as hot a Jack in thy mood as any in Italy, and as soon moved to be moody, and as soon moody to be moved.

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Starting with this extract, explore how Shakespeare presents attitudes to conflict.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents attitudes to conflict in this extract.
- how Shakespeare presents attitudes to conflict as a whole.

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