Romeo and Juliet: Gauging Student Needs

K-W-H-L Chart

What do you think you <u>know</u> about <i>Romeo and</i> <i>Juliet?</i>	What questions do you wonder about in <i>Romeo</i> and Juliet?	How will you find the answers to your questions?	What have you <u>learned</u> from <i>Romeo and Juliet?</i>
 [Possible Student Responses] They die at the end. He shot himself and she stabs herself. Their families didn't like each other. They lived on the beach. Juliet was really young, like 16. She was really rich and he was poor. Romeo kills a guy. 	 [Possible Student Responses] Why do they talk funny? How will I understand what they're talking about? Do R&J both die in the play, too? Why is this play so famous? What is so good about it? 	 [Possible Student Responses] Learn more about the time it was written in to understand about the language. Try strategies for reading the play like reading in sentences instead of lines, not worrying about understanding every word but just trying to get the gist. Read the play to find out what happens? Think about how people in other times and cultures might respond to the play. 	 [Possible Student Responses] 500 years ago, kids were just as stupid about love as they are today. Loyalty and revenge were important in gangs in Shakespeare's time. Shakespeare can be violent and funny. The play is hard to understand.

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