



Y4 Summer 1.2

Write to entertain: Love story



Inspired by Gnomeo and Juliet:

Description of the houses:

In a quiet suburban street, stood two houses. While they were both the same style, both had large bay windows and were both surrounded by low walls and entered through a small gate, that's where the similarities ended. The starkest difference was the fact that one house was blue and one house was red. The red house had a red wooden gate, a red tiled roof and red window frames. In the garden stood a stone water fountain and sailing flags adorned the render. Next door, the blue house had a blue front door, a low blue wall and blue window frames. There was a statue of Big Ben in the garden and 3D butterflies hanging underneath the window. There was also one other difference in these houses – the inhabitants loathed each other.

Description of the characters:

In the red garden lived Juliet. She wore a long red skirt covered with a white apron and kept her smooth brown hair tucked into her pointy red hat. Don't be fooled by her demure demeanour however, for Juliet is anything but delicate! Despite her ladylike appearance, she has the skills of a ninja and the bravery of a lion.

In the blue garden lived Gnomeo. He wore grey trousers and a blue waistcoat which was tied with a thick, black belt, although his clothes were slightly grubby due to the scrapes he was constantly getting in. Upon his face, he wore a cheeky smile but his large blue eyes were full of sincerity.



Purpose: To entertain the reader with a love story that has twists and turns

Key features

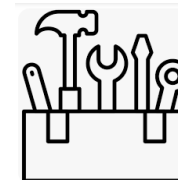


Structural:

- Paragraph 1: setting and characters are described
- Paragraph 2: the rival gnomes argue and play tricks on each other
- Paragraph 3: Gnomeo & Juliet meet and fall in love
- Paragraph 4: they're warned off by their friends
- Paragraph 5: they meet again and are faced with a choice. End on a cliff-hanger.

Language:

- Dramatic openers: suddenly, without warning, out of nowhere
- Dialogue and inverted commas
- Short sentence to end the paragraph
- Describe feelings
- Use possessive apostrophes
- Include a short sentence



Writer's toolbox

Dramatic openers word bank:

Suddenly Without warning
Out of the blue In a flash

Alan Peat:

Short sentence. *Example:*
I'll show him!

Dialogue:

Use dialogue to convey character.
Remember the rules of speech:

"CL PM" *Example:*

"**D**ou you love me?"

Vocabulary:

Suburban Surrounded by
Similarities Stark
Adorned Inhabitants
Loathed Demeanour

Recommended reads

