

## **What do we learn about Juliet's relationship with her father from Act 3 Scene 5?**

*Why does Lord Capulet arrange his daughter's wedding to Paris?*

- He wants to see his daughter settled and married to a man he approves of
- He wants to be proud of her
- He wants to have control over who she does or does not marry
- He wants his daughter to marry a man he chooses – who is rich – generous – powerful – respected – has status
- Wedding celebration was intended to raise spirits after the death of Tybalt – Capulet thought it was the right time – it was a father's duty to find a suitable husband for his daughter

### **Relevant Scenes:**

Act 1 Scene 2

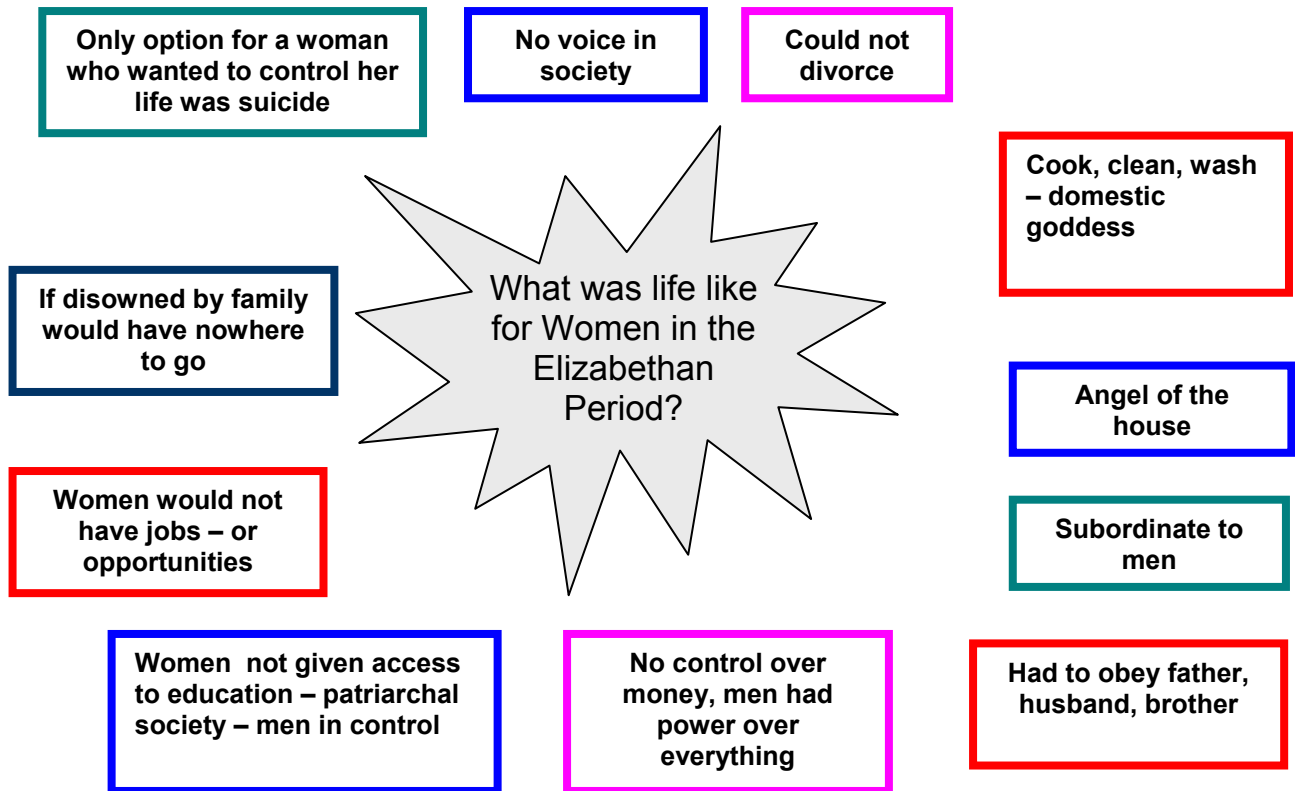
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### **Patriarchal Society**

- A society in which men are the leading figures and make all decisions is known as patriarchal (from the Latin word *pater* meaning father)
- Men dominate and rule
- A father had complete control over the women in his family – wife, daughter, sister, mother

### **Men had control of:**

- Money – financial decisions
- Politics
- Home
- Children
- Work
- Women
- Government and Law

During the 1500's women were subordinate to men. They were considered to be 'inferior' beings who were controlled by their husbands, fathers, or by any other men in the family.

They were not allowed to hold their own opinions, views or lifestyle.

**Introduction** – You are to explain how during the Elizabethan period, daughters had to marry according to their father's wishes.

1. Who decides to whom the woman should get married?
2. Why do they decide?
3. Can women refuse to get married?
4. What happens if they do?
5. Do you think Elizabethan society is fair?

Perhaps start by writing:

❖ *During the Elizabethan period ...*

*or*

❖ *Romeo and Juliet is set during the ... when ...*

*or*

❖ *When Shakespeare wrote Romeo and Juliet ...*

**Section 1** – Write about what you have learnt about the relationship between Juliet and her father before Act 3 Scene 5.

1. What is Capulet's reaction when Paris first asks for her hand in marriage?
2. What evidence is present to highlight how he feels?

Remember to use quotations to highlight how he feels.

❖ *At the start of the play it is clear that ...*

❖ *This is portrayed in the line ...*

❖ *We know this to be true because ...*

❖ *There are a number of occasions where ...*

❖ *One of these is ...*

❖ *Further evidence can be seen in the line ...*

❖ *It is clear that ...*

**Section 2** – Discuss why Capulet then agrees to Paris marrying Juliet when he was so against it previously.

1. What are the reasons for this change of heart?
2. Does he believe Juliet will be upset by it?
3. Why does he believe Juliet will accept it?
4. What are his emotions at this time?
5. What does Capulet think of Paris as a person?

❖ *Although Capulet changes his mind, this is due to the fact ...*

❖ *It is obvious that Capulet believes ...*

❖ *It can be stated that ...*

Remember to use quotations

**Section 3** – Include a short paragraph about Lady Capulet's feelings on the arranged marriage.

1. What are her views? Provide some evidence to show this.
2. If she agrees with the marriage – Why?
3. Why might she support the views of her husband?
4. Remember she has been brought up and still lives in a patriarchal society. Would she speak her mind if she wanted to?

❖ *Lady Capulet also agrees with ...*

❖ *She uses a number of positive phrases ...*

❖ *She has a ... attitude towards her husband, because ...*

**Section 4** – You need to write about how Capulet approaches his daughter Juliet to tell her she is to marry Paris on Thursday and how he gets annoyed.

1. How does he initially approach Juliet?
2. What is his reaction when he finds out she will not marry Paris?
3. Why has he reacted in this manner?
4. How does Juliet feel about her father's request?
5. How does Juliet behave towards him?
6. What language does he use to express his annoyance?

- ❖ *Juliet's refusal to marry Paris affects her father in a variety of ways ...*
- ❖ *It is clear from Juliet's manner that she ... for her father.*
- ❖ *Capulet feels ... He uses a number of ... including...*

**Section 5** – In this paragraph you need to explain how Lord Capulet's anger has built up.

Include responses to the following:

1. What names does Lord Capulet call Juliet?
2. What does he think about Juliet's behaviour?
3. How do you think this will effect their relationship?

- ❖ *Capulet's anger is highlighted by the way he ...*
- ❖ *This emphasises ...*
- ❖ *He cannot believe that ... after he ...*
- ❖ *This will have a ... effect on their relationship ...*
- ❖ *Throughout Capulet's rant Juliet ... this is because ...*

Remember to use quotations

**Section 6** – Explain how this scene is a feature of tragedy – (how it is implied that Juliet will die).

Include responses to the following:

1. What words are used to suggest that Juliet's future is fated?
2. What tragic events seem to be awaiting Juliet?

❖ *Act 3 Scene 5 contains a number of features of tragedy, including ...*

❖ *It can be seen in the line ... that Juliet's future is fated.*

❖ *It is suggested by ... that tragic events may be awaiting Juliet.*

Remember to use quotations

**Section 7** – Comment on the extremes that Capulet is willing to go to, in order to persuade his daughter to carry out his wishes.

1. How he highlights all he has done for her.
2. What a good job he believes he has done finding a husband like Paris.
3. What he will do to her if she continues to refuse.
4. How Lady Capulet continues to support her husband.
5. How Juliet feels about the situation, why she cannot do as her father wishes.

**Section 8** – How Capulet changes when Juliet says she will marry Paris. Then how this changes again at Juliet's death.

1. His involvement at organising the wedding.
2. How his personality is transformed.
3. How he feels about the marriage.

❖ *When Juliet kills herself we see further evidence of how much he loved his daughter ...*

❖ *Examine and analyse the quotations used.*

**Conclusion** – In your conclusion you need to explain the relationship between Juliet and Capulet.

1. What he thought about her at the start of the play and what she thought about him.
2. Why he arranged the marriage to Paris.
3. What her reasons were for refusing and how she felt about having to refuse her father.
4. How her father felt when she betrayed him and how he reacted. Why did he react in such an extreme manner?
5. What did Juliet wish she could do and why?
6. What does she eventually do to appease her father and how does this make him feel?
7. What do we find out about their relationship when Juliet commits suicide?