

Module 8: Drama – *Romeo and Juliet*

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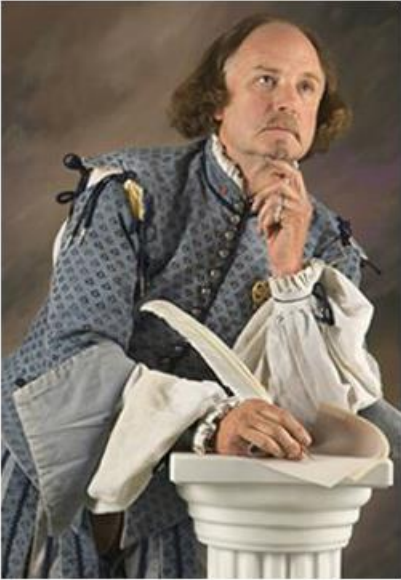
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An aside is a line that is spoken to the audience or another character but not heard by other characters on the stage.

A photograph of an open book with handwritten text in cursive script. The text reads: "[Aside to Gregory] Is the law of our side, if I say ay?"

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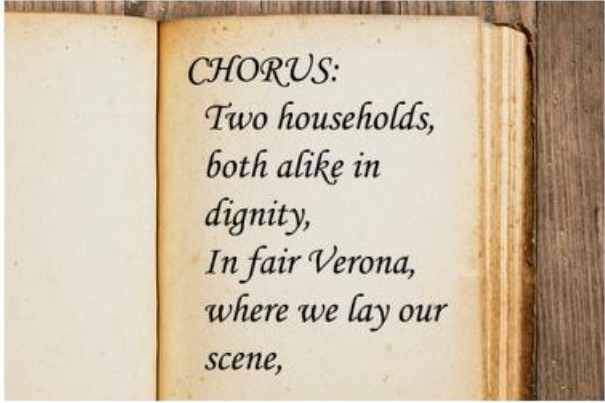
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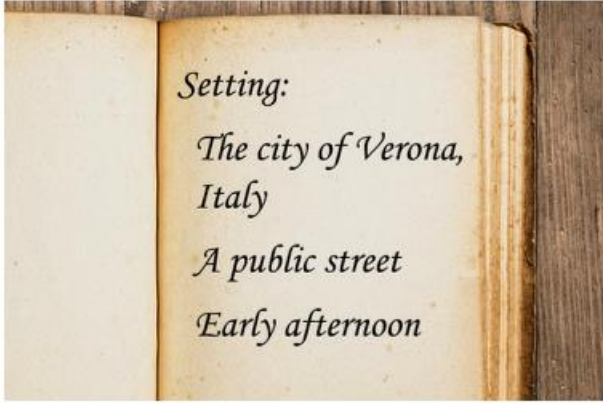
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The setting is the time and location of the play. For example, *Romeo and Juliet* takes place in Italy during the Renaissance period.



Setting:
The city of Verona,
Italy
A public street
Early afternoon

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