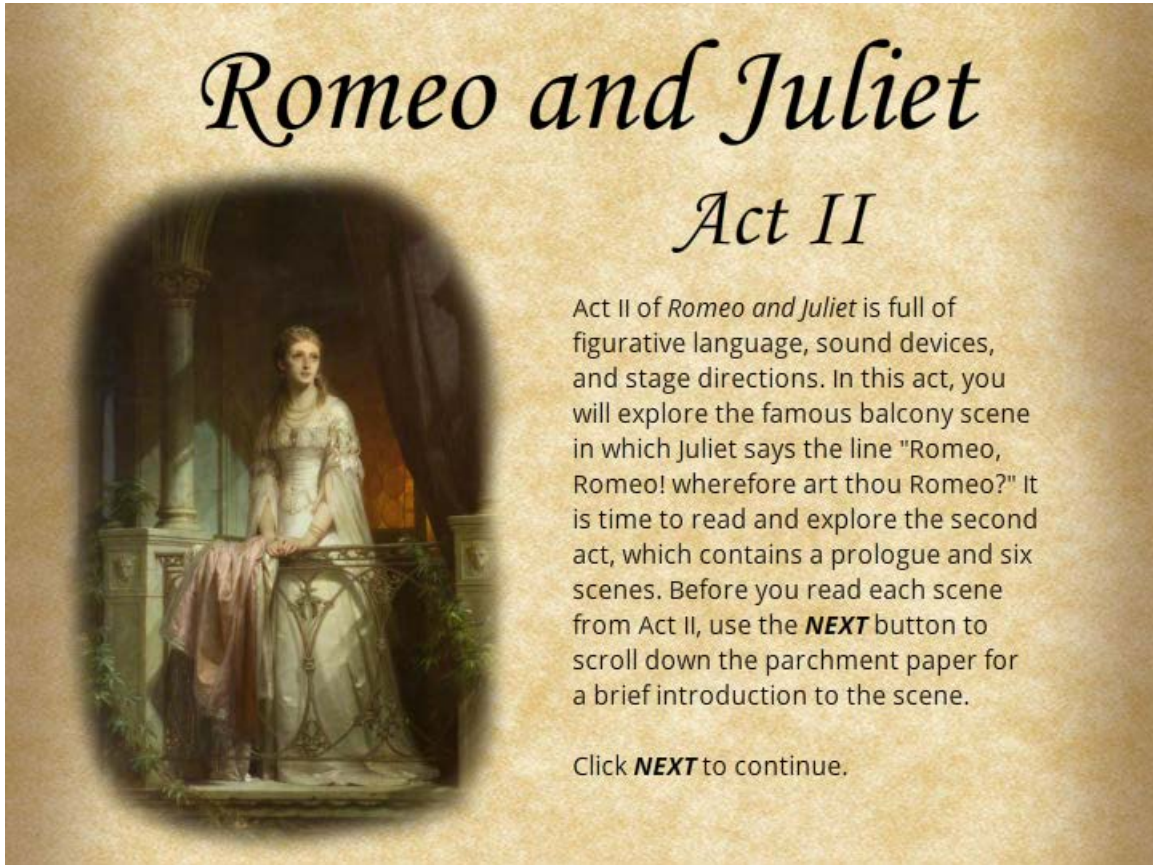


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Introduction



Romeo and Juliet

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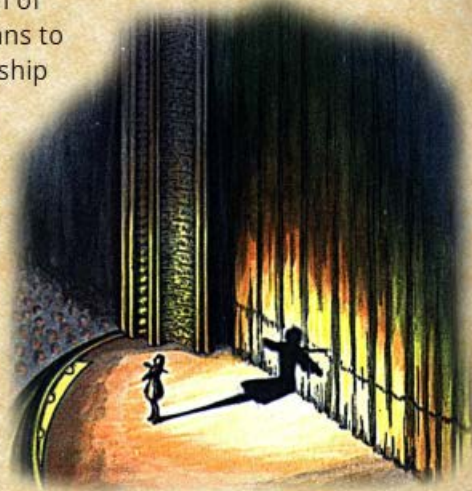
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A painting of Juliet from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. She is shown in profile, looking out of a window. She has long, dark hair and is wearing a white dress with red accents on the sleeves and bodice. The background is a soft, golden-yellow wash.

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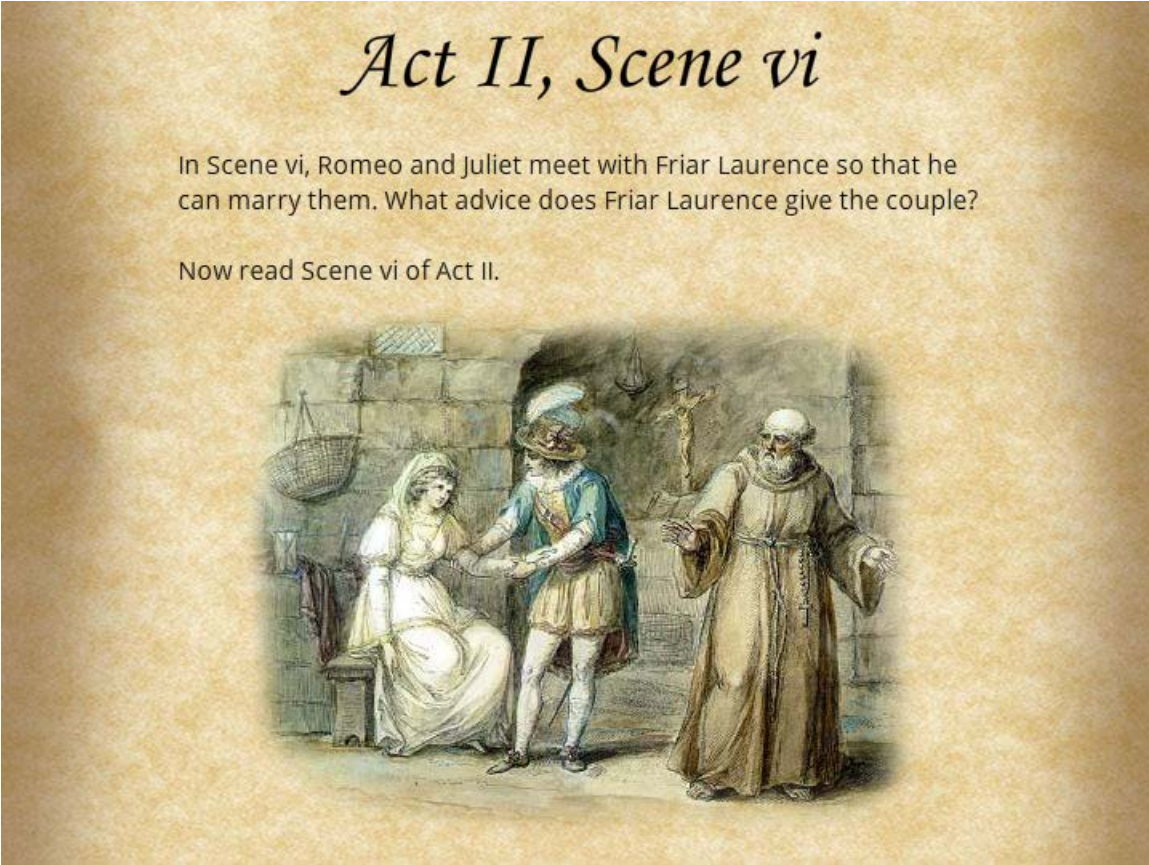
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