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<td><strong>Row A:</strong> These assignments should be attempted in the <strong>first</strong> half of the term.</td>
<td>Speak to an adult who has seen a Shakespeare play and ask them about it. Make a record of your conversation either on paper or tape.</td>
<td>Think of a plot for a <strong>Tragedy</strong> or a <strong>Comedy</strong>. It could be based on real life or made up. Write an account of what happens in the story. Give it a suitable title.</td>
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<td><strong>Row B:</strong> These assignments should be attempted in the <strong>second</strong> half of the term.</td>
<td>Write ten lines in <strong>Iambic Pentameter</strong>, the meter in which Shakespeare wrote. You should write on the theme of “What I Care About”.</td>
<td>Read the <strong>Prologue</strong> to Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” (see below) Audiences would have heard this before the play began. Imagine you are about to watch the play: using only the Prologue, write three paragraphs saying what you would expect to see.</td>
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Appendix: Prologue from Romeo and Juliet

PROLOGUE from THE TRAGEDY OF ROMEO AND JULIET

Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.
The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, nought could remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
The which if you with patient ears attend,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.