

Paired Texts- Fiction

- Authors may write about a similar theme, depending on their choice of _____, _____, _____, setting, etc. they produce very different products.
- To **compare and contrast** is to tell how two or more things are _____ and _____.

Question 3 in Questions Section:

PART A: Both “what love isn’t” and “Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet” explore the emotion of love. Which statement expresses a theme shared by both texts?

- a. Love encourages honesty no matter what.
- b. Love entails challenges.
- c. It is unlikely that love will only be pleasant.

*HINT: In order to answer this question, the reader needs to think about both passages generally. Which choice represents a **theme** of found in **both** texts?*

Question 4 in Questions Section:

PART B: Select two pieces of evidence, one from each text, that best support the answer to Part A “It is now and till the end.” (“what love isn’t,” Line 8)

- a. “it is much/ too much” (“what love isn’t,” Lines 11-12)
- b. “It is discomfort — it is / not what the films say.” (“what love isn’t,” Lines 17-18)
- c. “Thou art thyself though, not a Montague.” (“Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet,” Line 21)
- d. “My name, dear saint, is hateful to myself, / Because it is an enemy to thee” (“Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet,” Line 39-40)
- e. “With love’s light wings did I o’erperch these walls” (“Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet,” Line 50)

HINT: Think about which choices prove the theme and represent ideas present in both of the texts.

Question 5 in Questions Section:

In “Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet,” Juliet proclaims that Romeo would “Retain that dear perfection” even without his name and title (Line 28). Evaluate Juliet’s characterization of Romeo from the perspective of the speaker in “what love isn’t,” and analyze to what extent the speaker would consider Romeo and Juliet “in love.”

Answer Box:

HINT:

Text	Detail	Assertion
“Excerpts from Romeo and Juliet”	<p><i>“Retain that dear perfection which he owes”</i></p> <p><i>Juliet calls Romeo “perfect”</i></p>	<p>Would the speaker in the poem feel that Juliet was truly in love with Romeo?</p>
“what love isn’t”	<p><i>love is “not sweet but always / nutritious” (Lines 4-5)</i></p> <p><i>“not / what the films say” (Lines 17-18)</i></p>	