

**"Dear Juliet"** tells of lovelorn individuals who address their letters to Romeo or Juliet, Verona, Italy. **"Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia"** relates the story of a Bosnian couple who shared the tragic fate of Shakespeare's young lovers.

1.	As explained in "Dear Juliet," who is Giulio Tamassia, and what does he do?
2.	What problem did Hala, the Saudi Arabian girl, write to Juliet about?
3.	What difference exists between Admira and Bosko, the couple described in "Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia"?
4.	What happened to Admira and Bosko?

1. Which of the following statements *best* expresses the **main idea** of “Dear Juliet”?
  - Many people all over the world fall in love with someone their parents hate
  - Many people with problems relating to love look to Romeo and Juliet for answers.
  - It is important to answer letters promptly to help people with their problems.
  - Giulio Tamassia helps everyone who writes to him as best he can.
2. In *both* “Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia” and Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*—
  - characters named Romeo and Juliet die
  - innocent lovers die because of a larger conflict
  - the destructiveness and pointlessness of war are described
  - young people are rejected by their families because of a feud
3. What is Bob Herbert’s *main purpose* in writing “Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia”?
  - To point out parallels between the story of Admira and Bosko and the story of Shakespeare’s lovers
  - To show that love can triumph over death
  - To highlight the universal madness of conflicts like the one in Bosnia
  - To show that love is universal
4. Which element in “Dear Juliet” offers the strongest parallel to both *Romeo and Juliet* and “Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia”?
  - The plight Hala describes in her letter
  - Tamassia’s sympathy for the letter writers
  - The need of people to write to Juliet
  - The fact that the letters come from all over the world
5. Which statement **synthesizes** themes from *Romeo and Juliet*, “Dear Juliet,” and “Romeo and Juliet in Bosnia”?
  - Conflict often destroys love.
  - People in love look to others for help.
  - Loyalty makes love strong.
  - People in love often face difficulties.

### Constructed Response

**Connect** one of these informational pieces to another work you have read or seen—a story about love, for example, or a news report about innocent victims.

On a separate piece of paper, first **paraphrase** the ideas in each work.

Then, discuss their similarities and differences.

Finally, **synthesize** what you have learned about life from the two works.