Section A: Shakespeare

Romeo and Juliet

Read the following extract from the start of Act 3 Scene 1 of *Romeo and Juliet* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Romeo tries to resist Tybalt's provocation to fight.

MERCUTIO
But I'll be hanged, sir, if he wear your livery.
Marry, go before to field, he'll be your follower.
Your Worship in that sense may call him "man."
TYBALT
Romeo, the love I bear thee can afford
No better term than this: thou art a villain.
ROMEO
Tybalt, the reason that I have to love thee
Doth much excuse the appertaining rage
To such a greeting. Villain am I none.
Therefore farewell. I see thou knowest me not.
TYBALT
Boy, this shall not excuse the injuries
That thou hast done me. Therefore turn and draw.
ROMEO
I do protest I never injured thee
But love thee better than thou canst devise
Till thou shalt know the reason of my love.
And so, good Capulet, which name I tender
As dearly as mine own, be satisfied.
MERCUTIO
O calm, dishonorable, vile submission!
Alla stoccato carries it away. *He draws.*
Tybalt, you ratcatcher, will you walk?

Starting with this extract, explain how far Shakespeare presents family allegiance as the cause of conflict in Romeo and Juliet.

Write about:
- how Shakespeare presents conflict in this extract.
- how Shakespeare presents conflict in the play as a whole.

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