Marriage, Love & Comic Relief

* Through the examination of arts and entertainment, much can be learned about people.
* Theatre is a mirror of the people and society from which it springs.
* Plays are personal expressions and sources of entertainment.
* During this time, women (like Juliet) were controlled by their fathers – they were expected to marry within their own class.
* Many marriages were simple arranged and there was nothing that could be done about it.
* Love was not really known back them or at least did not matter. Marriages were used to promote status and wealth within families.
* Comic relief is defined in a tragedy as a short comic scene that releases the built up tension in the play – giving the audience relief before the tension mounts higher.
* In the best tragedies, comic relief also provides an ironic counterpoint to the tragic action.

1. What is love?  
2. Would you go against all your friends and family to follow your heart?  
3. Are our actions determined by date, chance or free will?