

Name _____ **Denouement**



Romeo and Juliet

The word denouement comes from the French word *denouer*, which means "to untie." The denouement follows the story's falling action. It is the final part of a story in which all the strands of the plot are drawn together and everything is explained or resolved. The denouement can be very brief, or it can be more lengthy.

1. Identify the denouement of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

2. How or why is this an effective conclusion to the story?
