

Who Wrote It Better: Taylor Swift or William Shakespeare???

- Content Standard: Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work.
- Learning Objective: Using the TRANSFORM acronym, students will determine how Taylor Swift transformed the story of *Romeo & Juliet* from a tragic drama to love song with a happy ending.

Complete the TRANSFORM acronym chart below using evidence from each text.

	William Shakespeare's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Taylor Swift's <i>Love Story</i>
T - Tone What is the author's attitude towards the subject?		
R - Revolution What major changes did the author make to the source material?	Not applicable.	
A - Audience Who are the targeted readers?		
N - Narrative Elements Who are the main characters? Basic plot summary? Setting?		
S - Style What is the writer's style? Formal or informal? Point of View? Diction and Syntax?		
F - Figurative Language Does the author use figurative language or is the text very literal? Give examples.		
O - Organization What is the structure of the passage/text?		
R - Rationale Why do you think the author chose to transform the source text into new material?	Not applicable.	
M - Message What is the theme?		

