

Teen Brain Claims

Listen to the *NPR* story “Understanding the Mysterious Teenage Brain.” As you listen, identify the claims in the text.

With your partner, identify the major claims from the article in the left column below. In the middle column, find examples of Romeo’s and Juliet’s behavior that support each claim. In the right column, copy the appropriate textual evidence from the play. One example is done for you.

<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CHARACTER ACTION</u>	<u>EVIDENCE</u>
A teen must experience risk in adolescence.	Romeo attends a ball hosted by his family's mortal enemy even though he feels like it is a bad idea.	Romeo confesses, "I fear too early, for my mind misgives / Some consequence yet hanging in the stars / Shall bitterly begin his fearful date / With this night's revels..." (1.4.108-111).