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LESSON ONE : WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Deadline: Friday, 24 April 2020

What's in a name? Does this phrase ring a bell?

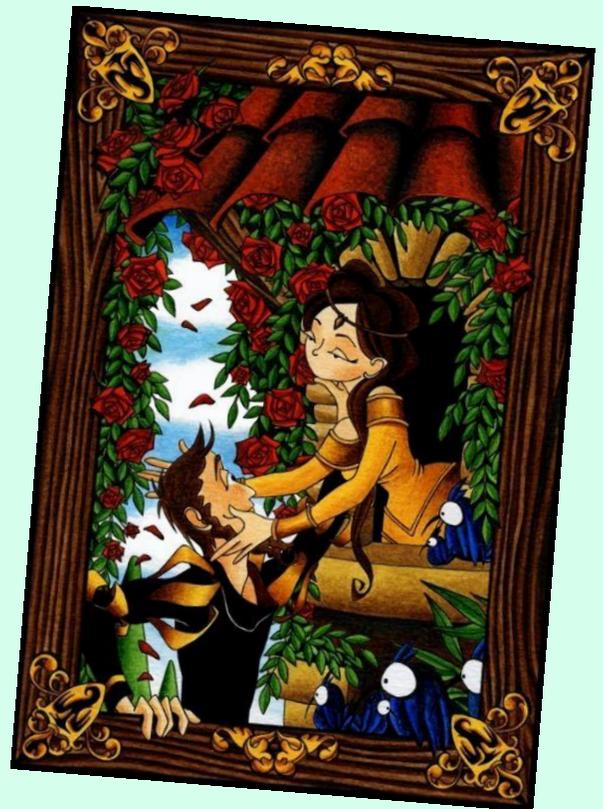
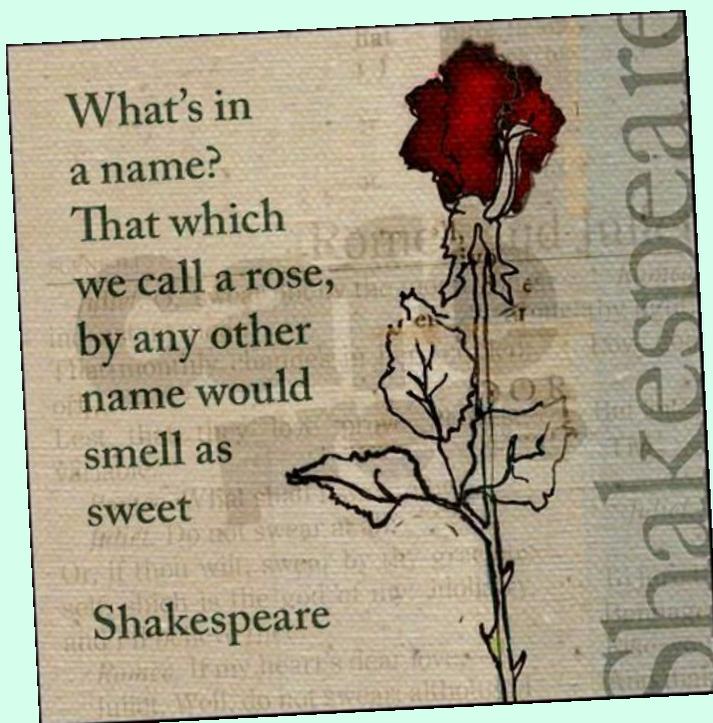
Hmm, do you remember the balcony scene in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet ?

Act 2 Scene 2

***“What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.”***

Watch this short clip to refresh your memory:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oLupDzYp4s>



Juliet is not allowed to associate with Romeo because he is a Montague. If he had any other name it would be fine. She's complaining that his name is meaningless. If the rose had any other name it would still be the same. So with Romeo; he would still be the same beautiful young man even if he had a different name.

“What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet”... Juliet, a Capulet, knows that the blood feud prevents her from loving a Montague. It's only your name that's the enemy. You are what you are, even though you may be a Montague. Oh I wish you had a different name. What is so special about a name? A rose, even if it were called

something else, would smell just as sweet. So Romeo would still have all the perfection that he has, even if he were not called Romeo. Romeo, take off your name and in exchange for that whole name, which is not really a part of what you are, you can have all of me.

What's in a name? There are other, more casual times this is used as well like when people say that names don't really matter. Take for example designer brands – Prada, Gucci, Vuitton, Chanel.. fancy bags, shoes, clothing. **What's in a name anyway?** You can buy an imitation for much cheaper and still have a dress or a purse or whatever.

Why should we assign so much meaning to a name in the first place?

Well, look at these *real* first names! (not a joke)

Aberycusgentylis (how do you even pronounce this?)

Burp

DRUG

Ewe

Lasagna

Salami

Panthy (OMG!)

Abcde (pronounced ab-cee-dee)



So, now let's explore what's behind **YOUR first** name, the one that you commonly use.

But first, I want to watch this video on YouTube:

Say my Name

→ A group of Chinese college students shared the meaning of their names and why their names are important to them

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7C62wFXyblo>

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Look at the significance of mah name!

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MARLENE

BELOVED & EXALTED

(MAHR-leen) 1. Origin: a female personal name, a German coinage created through the combination of *Maria* and *Magdalene*, in honor of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, a disciple of Christ, respectively; from *Maria*, Old Hebrew *Miryám* (by way of Greek *Μαρία*), of debated origin, though strongest evidence points to an Ancient Egyptian root *mry* "beloved;" and *Magdalene* from Aramaic *Maghdela* "high tower, exalted," from *Magdala*, a small, ancient village on the Sea of Galilee; 2. Historic: *Maria Magdalene* was a commonly found pairing in Europe during the Middle Ages, a way for Christians to celebrate both Marys from the New Testament (the French created *Madeleine* while the Germans contracted it to *Marlene*); 3. Usage: *Marlene* came into general use among English speakers in the 1930s owing to the superstardom of German actress and singer *Marlene Dietrich* (1901-1992), a sultry, husky-voiced, pantsuit-wearing beauty whose unapologetic *femme fatale* film characters helped redefine notions of modern femininity.

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MAGNETIC FREEDOM LOVING CURIOUS
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FEARLESS ADVENTUROUS OPTIMISTIC
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FLEXIBLE CLEVER & WITTY GENEROUS
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Whatchathink? Do you think I am FEARLESS? Or do I instill fear in my students? 😊😊

What about MAGNETIC?? (synonyms are: *charming, alluring, captivating, charismatic, irresistible*)

Which design fits my personality? Haha!



Back to YOU! I need you to answer these questions and you're surely going to **need help from your family** and the Internet. You are going to investigate the **meanings** and **origin** of your name in order to establish your **own personal history** and to explore the **cultural significance** of **naming traditions**.

COPY –PASTE the QUESTIONNAIRE on a new Word document and email it back to back to me with the answers, of course.

For the origin/meaning of your names, you can Google search “origin of name Isabel”, for example. There are many sites you can consult like **Meaning of Names link: <http://www.meaning-of-names.com/>**

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. What is your first name?
2. Who gave you that name and why? Is there a story behind your name? What is it? For example, was your name given to honor someone? Please explain in detail, I want to know!
3. What does your name mean? For example, the name Yee in Chinese means friendship. Consult different websites.
4. What is the origin of your name? Where does it come from? (Greek origin? Hebrew? etc.) . Consult different websites.
5. Are there famous people with the same name as you? Who?
6. Do you have nicknames? (des surnoms)
7. What nicknames have people given to you?
8. Who are the people who call you by your nickname?
9. What do you prefer to be called?
10. I like/dislike my name because . . .
11. My name is/isn't a good fit for my personality because . . .
12. What is something positive about you or your name that no one can forget?
13. Do you have any memories or stories about your name?
14. How does your name represent who you are?



