Romeo and Juliet Creative Extension

Choose ONE activity from the list to express your creativity about Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*: You may work with a partner or alone.

1. Create Facebook pages for some of the main players in Romeo and Juliet. Screen capture the page with each change and put it into a Powerpoint to present to the class. Remember to add events, friends, groups, status updates, pictures, messages etc.
2. Rewrite the five acts of *Romeo and Juliet* through texting between characters. Use texting language. Be sure to divide it up into five acts.
3. Act out a scene or part of a scene from the play. Be sure to have costumes and know your lines as best as possible. Videotape this performance and bring it into the class.
4. Modernize a scene from the play and act it out. Videotape this performance and bring it to class.
5. Paint, draw, create a song, or lyrical dance that represents one of the scenes, characters or themes in the play. Painting or drawing should be of professional quality.
6. Create a “Gossip” type website or magazine like *TMZ* or *Gossip Girl* that exposes everyone’s actions and secrets. Add some spoiler alerts in to spice it up.
7. *Digital Artifacts:* Imagine that you find a USB disk next to the computer of one of the characters from the play. This USB contains personal documents – letters, “to do” lists, data, and poems written by the character for his or her eyes only. Decide on three documents, recreate them, invent file names for each, and create a fake printout of the disk directory.
8. Write a newspaper article about an event that takes place in the play (ex: Capulet Ball, a murder, the final scene, etc.). The article must have a headline and an image and be completed on white paper.
9. Record a “Readers Theatre” version of your favourite Act in the play. Add music and sound effects to make it seem realistic.
10. Keeping in mind the importance of the “stars”, fate, and astrology, design a horoscope for a character. This should be visually appealing: complete on white paper, with the written horoscope as well as a visual of the astrological sign.
11. Find a quote from the play and create a license plate from it. Ex: “JLTZSUN” (Juliet is the sun), “LYKAROZ” (Like a rose). Put your license plate on a rectangular piece of paper, and colour them. Add creative touches like registration stickers or license plate frames.
12. Create a movie poster for the play.

Project is due: December 5, 2011

You will be graded on how well you can creatively show understanding of the play. Be prepared to discuss and explain your project to show mastery has been reached.

**Creativity of interpretation**   
Creativity: the ability to invent and develop original ideas. Your project should reflect a creative perspective on the story. (15 points)

**Exploration of Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet***  
Your project needs to expand upon your original interpretation of the plot, character and themes in the play (15 points)

**Professionalism/Effort of Visual Aid**   
Your project should look professional. Show me your very best work; don't settle for anything less! (20 points)

**Total Value: 50 points**