

1 Restated question:
 What were the causes and effects of the friar's meddling in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*?

2 Key Terms:
Friar: a religious man
Meddling: getting involved in another person's business
Feud: a long-lasting bitter quarrel, often between two families

4 Causes & Connections:

The friar thinks he can end the feud between two families in Verona (the Montagues and Capulets) by helping Romeo and Juliet.

Leading him to meddle by

3 Event & Background Information:

Friar's meddling

First, the friar secretly marries Romeo and Juliet

Second, he fakes Juliet's death so she won't have to marry Paris

Third, he fails to let Romeo know that Juliet really isn't dead

5 Effects & Connections:

Romeo kills himself before Juliet wakes up,



When Juliet wakes and finds Romeo dead, she kills herself.



The families agree to stop the feud, but at a great cost.

Resulting in

6 Answer:
 The friar's meddling was caused by good intentions, but contributed to the death of Romeo and Juliet. It did, however, end the feud between the two families.