

## Connector

The first connection I made between "Candy" and the outside world is to Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet". To start off, both stories involve a boy and a girl who miraculously meet and develop an affection for one another straight away. In other words, both pieces utilize the cliché love at first sight. The main characters also share a factor of having completely different backgrounds in the way that Romeo is a Montague and Juliet is a Capulet, the rival family of the Montagues, and how Joe has a laid back personality whereas Candy has a background full of problems with drugs and prostitution. The two couples also have to see each other by lying to their parents or guardians about where they're going to spend time together. To put it simple, both "Candy" and "Romeo and Juliet" involve a secret relationship between a couple who are very crazy for each other, but have completely different backgrounds.

The second connection I made from "Candy" is with a couple of friends I know in real life who are trying to start a relationship. The boy is very closely related to Joe in the way that he developed an infatuation with the girl when he first met her at a party, as did she. As they got to know each other more and more, the guy fell more in love with the girl, much like Joe and Candy, until the guy found out that the girl was a Christian and had a boyfriend who was currently not in the city. This is very similar to when Joe finds out that Candy is a prostitute and has a pimp who is very protective of her.

Through more and more days my friend kept telling me how much he was crazy for the girl and how he'd be the happiest kid in town if he ever got together with her. He once even said that he'd start going to church just to be with her. The girl's feelings for him also continued to grow and she began to feel conflicted of what to do and which boy she should be with. Much like Candy,