Act 1, Scene 1, lines 1 – 105

The Feud: Is violence a given between the two families? Why or Why not?

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| Violence is a given | Violence can be prevented |
| * “ancient grudge” (Capulets and Montague feud has been going on for a long time
* Verbal insults & gestures – encourages a physical fight
* Sampson, Tybalt, Lord Montague, and Lord Capulet wanted to fight
* The Prince says the families have thrice (3 xs) disturbed the peace
 | * The Prince says if ever the families fight again, he will take their lives
* Benvolio and Gregory both tried to stop people from fighting
* Lady Montague and Lady Capulet tried to stop their husbands from fighting
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We conclude that violence is a given / not a given because….

Given because the leaders are persuading the families in what they do, which causes the servants and followers to be pro-violence.

…because feuding for many centuries

…because the grudge is continuing

…because fighting is a habit and habits are hard to break.

…because the children are taught to hate from a young age.

Violence is not a given because the families don’t even know why they’re fighting. If they just stopped and talked they would realize how student the fighting is.