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Romeo and Juliet

Study Questions

Act I

1. What is Prince Escalus's new law about fighting in the streets?
2. Why are Lord and Lady Montague worried about Romeo?
3. What is Benvolio's advice to Romeo about how to forget Rosaline?
4. What is Lord Capulet's purpose for having a dinner party?
5. Why do Romeo and Benvolio decide to crash the Capulet's party?
6. What does Lady Capulet discuss with Juliet in scene 3?
7. How old is Juliet?
8. Who is Queen Mab? What does she do?
9. At the end of scene 4, what feelings does Romeo express about upcoming events?
10. Describe the reason for Tybalt and Lord Capulet's conflict. What does this conflict seem to foreshadow?
11. Describe Romeo and Juliet's first meeting.
12. How do they discover each other's identity? How do they respond?

Act II

1. Instead of returning home, where does Romeo go after the ball?
2. How does Romeo learn of Juliet's love for him?
3. What does Romeo say helped him to climb the high garden walls?
4. What do Romeo and Juliet plan to do the next day?
5. Who from the Capulet house interrupts the scene on the balcony?
6. What is Friar Laurence's special skill or area of knowledge?
7. Why does Friar Laurence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet?
8. What is in the letter Tybalt sends to Romeo's house?
9. What excuse does Juliet give for going to Friar Laurence's cell?
10. How does Romeo expect to get into Juliet's house?

Act III

1. When Tybalt and Mercutio start quarreling, what does Benvolio suggest they do?
2. Of what does Mercutio accuse Romeo when he attempts to stop the fight?
3. Why is Mercutio's death a special insult to the Prince?
4. To what "houses" is Mercutio referring when he says, "A plague o' both your houses"?
5. What sentence does the Prince decree on Tybalt's murderer?
6. Who reports the news of Tybalt's death to Juliet?
7. Where does Romeo go to hide?
8. What does Juliet send Romeo as a pledge of her love?
9. What do Friar Laurence and the Nurse help Romeo do before he goes to Mantua?
10. Who tells Juliet of her father's plans for her wedding?

Act IV

1. Who is visiting the Friar's cell when Juliet arrives?
2. What does Juliet threaten to do if she is forced to marry Paris?
3. How long will the sleeping potion keep Juliet asleep?
4. How much time does Friar Laurence expect to have to warn Romeo?
5. Who supervises the preparations for the wedding feast?
6. What change does Juliet's father make in the wedding plans?
7. What problem does this cause?
8. What excuse does Juliet give for sending the Nurse away for the night?
9. Who discovers that Juliet is "dead"?
10. What is Juliet afraid will happen if she drinks the potion?
11. How does Friar Laurence attempt to console the Capulets for their loss of Juliet?

Act V

1. What news does Romeo—in Mantua—receive of Juliet?
2. What does Romeo buy from the apothecary?
3. What mission did Friar John fail to carry out? Why?
4. Why does Paris come to the Capulet tomb?
5. What is Paris's last request?
6. What is the first question Juliet asks the Friar when she awakens?
7. What does Friar Laurence urge Juliet to do?
8. Why is everyone so surprised to find Juliet stabbed?
9. What does the Prince tell the two families is really responsible for the tragedy?
10. What do old Montague and Capulet vow to build?