

## ENGLISH I

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## ROMEO AND JULIET STUDY QUESTIONS

### Act I

#### Scene 1

1. What information does the Prologue give? By whom is it spoken?
2. What event opens the play?
3. Describe Benvolio's behavior. What role does Tybalt play in the fight? What picture of the servants does one get?
4. How do the citizens of Verona feel about the feud?
5. What is the reaction of Capulet and Montague to word of the fight? Of their wives?
6. What ultimatum does the Prince pronounce?
7. What sort of state is Romeo in as the play begins? Describe his behavior. What is the cause of his unhappiness?
8. What is Benvolio's advice to Romeo?
9. Romeo replies, "Thou canst teach me to forget." This is an example of dramatic irony, a device whereby the audience understands more about what is said than the character does. Explain why this is dramatic irony.

#### Scene 2

10. What is Capulet's reaction to his conversation with Count Paris?
11. What has Paris asked Capulet?

12. What is Capulet's reply? Give his reasons. What kind of father does he seem to be?
13. What does Benvolio mean when he says, "Tut, man, one fire burns out another's burning... Take thou some new infection to thine eye, and rank poison of the old will die."?
14. What, according to Benvolio, would Romeo do to put this advice into action? Why does Romeo agree?

### Scene 3

15. What impression do we get of the nurse? Of Lady Capulet?
16. What had Lady Capulet come to discuss with Juliet?
17. What does the nurse like about Paris?
18. What is Juliet's reply?

### Scene 4

19. What is Mercutio's advice to Romeo? What does Mercutio's description of Queen Mab tell us about him?
20. Why does Romeo have second thoughts about going to the party?

### Scene 5

21. What is going on at the Capulet house?
22. What kind of host is Capulet? What is his reaction when the young men in masks show up?
23. What kind of impression does Juliet make on Romeo?

24. Tybalt recognizes Romeo's voice. What is his reaction?

25. What is Capulet's reply? What does Capulet say about Romeo?

26. What is Capulet's response when Tybalt still objects?

27. What does Tybalt say as he leaves?

28. How do Romeo and Juliet act around each other?

29. What description does the nurse give of Lady Capulet?

30. How does Romeo react to the news the Juliet is a Capulet? How does Juliet react to the news that Romeo is a Montague?

## Act II

### Scene 1 and 2

1. What attitude do Mercutio and Benvolio have toward Romeo?
2. To What does Romeo compare Juliet?
3. What does Juliet say before she knows Romeo is in the garden?
4. What is Juliet afraid that Romeo will think of her?
5. Why is Juliet uneasy about their love?
6. What does Juliet suggest they do if their love is honorable?
7. What agreement do they make?
8. What coincidence furthers the action in this scene?

### Scene 3

1. The friar uses the example of plants to teach a lesson. What is it?
2. How does Friar Lawrence react when Romeo tells him of his new love for Juliet?  
What does he think of Romeo's love?
3. Why does he agree to marry the two anyway?
4. What warning does the friar give Romeo when Romeo rushes him?

### Scene 4

1. What new danger confronts Romeo?
2. To what does Mercutio compare being in love?
3. How does Mercutio describe Tybalt?
4. How is Romeo different now from the way he was at the beginning of the play?
5. What does Romeo say about Mercutio? How does Mercutio treat the nurse?

6. What message does Romeo send to Juliet?

### Scene 5

1. What kind of mood is Juliet in?

2. Describe the way the nurse goes about telling Juliet Romeo's message.

### Scene 6

1. What warning does the friar give Romeo?

2. What action does the friar take?

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### Act III

#### Scene 1

1. Why is Benvolio concerned about the weather?

2. How does Mercutio take Benvolio's suggestion?

3. Who now enters?

4. Why does Tybalt deliberately insult Romeo?

5. How does Romeo respond?

6. How does Mercutio react to this?

7. When the two men fight. What does Romeo try to do and what is the result?

8. Why is Mercutio's manner of dying appropriate to his personality?

9. How does Romeo feel about these events?

10. What news does Benvolio announce?

11. What is Romeo's answer?

12. Why has Shakespeare ended Mercutio's life?

13. When Tybalt returns what happens?
14. What warning does Benvolio give Romeo?
15. What does Romeo say of himself?
16. Who now enters?
17. What description of events does Benvolio give?
18. Who begs for revenge?
19. What does Montague say?
20. What sentence does the prince announce against Romeo?

### Scene 2

1. What sort of mood is Juliet in?
2. What news does the nurse bring? Is her account clear?
3. How does Juliet take the news?

### Scene 3

1. How does Romeo react when the friar tells him of his banishment?
2. What does the friar think of this reaction?
3. What does the friar offer as consolation?
4. Why won't Romeo listen to the friar?
5. What rebuke does the nurse give Romeo?
6. When the nurse tells Romeo about Juliet, how does he react?
7. How does the friar feel about this reaction?
8. How does Romeo react to receiving the token from Juliet?

#### Scene 4

1. What arrangements has Capulet made for Juliet?
2. What day is it now?
3. What day does he set the wedding for? Why is this significant to the plot?
4. What is the subject of the conversation between Romeo and Juliet that begins this scene?
5. What example of foreshadowing do we have in this scene?
6. How does Lady Capulet feel about Juliet's constant crying?
7. Why has Juliet's father decided to marry Juliet to Paris right away?
8. How does Juliet react to this news?
9. What is the effect on Capulet of Juliet's refusal?
10. How does the nurse come to her defense?
11. What is Lord Capulet's final command?
12. How does Lady Capulet reply to Juliet's plea to delay this marriage?
13. What advice does the nurse give Juliet? Is this good advice?
14. How does Juliet take this advice? What does Juliet decide to do?

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#### ACT IV

##### Scene 1

1. Where does this scene take place?
2. What reason does Paris give for the sudden marriage?
3. If the friar cannot help, what does Juliet intend to do? Why?

4. What does the friar say about the remedy he is offering?
5. Does Juliet agree?
6. What is the rest of the friar's plan? How will Romeo know what to do?
7. Why, in your opinion, does the friar not tell Paris or Juliet's parents about her marriage to Romeo?

### Scene 2

1. When Juliet appears, how does she conduct herself?
2. What does Capulet say about the day of the marriage?

### Scene 3 and 4

1. What request does Juliet make of the nurse?
2. Does Juliet find taking the drug easy?
3. What scene immediately follows this?

### Scene 5

1. What is Juliet's condition when the nurse tries to wake her?
2. What argument does Friar Laurence use to comfort the Capulets?

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### ACT V

#### Scene 1

1. Where does this scene take place?
2. What news does Balthasar bring to Verona?
3. What is the effect of this news on Romeo?
4. What does Romeo command Balthasar to do?