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Act Three Study Questions

Scene 1:

1. At the beginning of the scene, why does Benvolio think that there will be a fight?
2. What does Mercutio accuse Benvolio of in lines 15-30?
3. When Tybalt and Mercutio first begin arguing, what does Benvolio try to get them to do?
4. What does Tybalt call Romeo?
5. Why won't Romeo fight Tybalt?
6. What does Mercutio think is the reason Romeo refuses to fight?
7. Why does Mercutio keep repeating, "A plague o' both your houses"?
8. What does Romeo say that Juliet's love has done to him?
9. Why does Romeo call himself "fortune's fool"?
10. When Benvolio relates to the Prince what happened, what does he say Romeo tried to do before Mercutio was killed?
11. What does Lady Capulet accuse Benvolio of? Why?
12. What is Romeo's punishment for killing Tybalt?

Scene 2:

13. Why is Juliet so impatient for the nurse to return?
14. Describe Juliet's rapidly changing attitudes toward Romeo in this scene.
15. What piece of news has upset Juliet the most?
16. What does the nurse promise to do?

Scene 3:

17. Explain Romeo's reaction to the news of his banishment.
18. Romeo tells Friar Laurence that the priest cannot know or understand how Romeo feels. Why?
19. What argument does Friar Laurence use to prevent Romeo from killing himself?

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20. What does the nurse give to Romeo?

Scene 4:

21. What does Capulet tell his wife to say to Juliet?

Scene 5:

22. As Romeo is preparing to leave Juliet, what argument does she use to convince him to stay?

23. Later, why does Juliet think Romeo should leave?

24. Just as Romeo is about to descend the rope ladder and leave Juliet, what does Juliet say about the way Romeo looks?

25. Why does Lady Capulet think Juliet is crying?

26. When Lady Capulet threatens to send someone to Mantua to poison Romeo, what does Juliet say?

27. After Lady Capulet breaks the news about Paris, what is Juliet's response?

28. If Juliet's mother does not arrange to delay the marriage, what will Juliet do?

29. What is Capulet's reaction to Juliet's threats?

30. What is the nurse's advice to Juliet?

31. How does Juliet's attitude toward the nurse change?

32. What "scheme" does Juliet devise to get rid of the nurse and to get out of the house?