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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?  
not ~~the~~ Capulets are out
2. What does Mercutio accuse Benvolio of in lines 15-30?  
Peacemaker @ first, but then hastens
3. When Tybalt and Mercutio first begin arguing, what does Benvolio try to get them to do?  
talk it out; go somewhere else
4. What does Tybalt call Romeo?  
villain
5. Why won't Romeo fight Tybalt?  
cousin (secret)
6. What does Mercutio think is the reason Romeo refuses to fight?  
fear; cowardice
7. Why does Mercutio keep repeating, "A plague o' both your houses"?  
he is dying b/c of the feud; foreshadows
8. What does Romeo say that Juliet's love has done to him?  
made him "effeminate" & against fighting R.J.'s death
9. Why does Romeo call himself "fortune's fool"?  
terrible luck
10. When Benvolio relates to the Prince what happened, what does he say Romeo tried to before Mercutio was killed?  
Romeo refused to fight @ first; then sought revenge
11. What does Lady Capulet accuse Benvolio of? Why?  
he defends his cousin b/c they're kin
12. What is Romeo's punishment for killing Tybalt?

banishment

Scene 2:

13. Why is Juliet so impatient for the nurse to return?  
needs info on R's punishment
14. Describe Juliet's rapidly changing attitudes toward Romeo in this scene.  
crazy love -> thinking he's evil/deceptive -> crazy love/defense
15. What piece of news has upset Juliet the most?  
banishment
16. What does the nurse promise to do?  
help give msg to Romeo/convey message

Scene 3:

17. Explain Romeo's reaction to the news of his banishment.  
cries, suicidal
18. Romeo tells Friar Laurence that the priest cannot know or understand how Romeo feels. Why?  
Not young, in love
19. What argument does Friar Laurence use to prevent Romeo from killing himself?  
"Now art thou happy?" been fortunate
20. What does the nurse give to Romeo?



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Scene 4:

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

news of Paris; wed Thurs

Scene 5:

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

nightingale

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

Sunrise = day; will be killed

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

death; foreshadowing; verbal irony

25. Why does Lady Capulet think Juliet is crying?

Tybalts death

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

news of who can do this

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

"will not make me a joyful bride!!!!!!"

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

suicide

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

will disown her if she refuses Paris

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

wed Paris

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

shifts to distrust/hatred

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

lies about wanting her father's forgiveness; make confession

