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*Romeo and Juliet*

**Act Four** Reading Guide

**Answer the questions below, typed and double-spaced.** This work will be collected.

The questions are in **bold-faced type**. In other places you are asked to highlight lines in the scenes.

**Scene One:**

1. Notice that the Friar is confronted by Paris who is there to make arrangements for his marriage to Juliet-- **What problem does this request present the Friar?**

2. Look at Paris's speech on page 177-- **What reason does he give for Lord Capulet's sudden agreement to the marriage?**

**Highlight lines 15 and 16.**

3. Look at the words between Juliet and Paris-- notice that Juliet controls herself while speaking to him-- and that Juliet is once again being deceptive in her words. **Name and explain ONE line where she is deceptive in what she is saying to Paris.**

Paris leaves and Juliet breaks down-- **line 45, page 181. (Highlight)**

Notice that Juliet threatens suicide if the Friar can't propose a plan to save her marriage to Paris.

Notice Juliet's *HYPERBOLE* found on page 183, where she lists what she is willing to do to avoid marriage to Paris.

4. The Friar has a plan-- **what is the power of the drug he is giving Juliet? Where will Juliet await Romeo's arrival and rescue?**

**Scene Two:**

Notice the Capulet house is again being prepared for a big party-- Juliet's wedding.

Notice/highlight Juliet's apology to her father at the bottom of page 187.

Capulet, anxious to get this party started, moves the wedding up a day, again establishing how time is compressed-- there is not enough time.

**Highlight the lines on the bottom of page 189 that reflect Capulet's mood at this moment.**

### Scene Three:

This scene is in Juliet's bedroom; notice how she dismisses both her mother and the Nurse, saying she needs time alone.

Then, Juliet has a long SOLILOQUY where she contemplates whether she should take the potion given to her by the Friar. (Notice/highlight *cold fear* line.)

5. List and explain the three fears Juliet has about following the Friar's plan.
6. What is Juliet's emotional state just before she drinks the potion? What is she about to do?
7. What thought allows her to gather her courage to drink the potion?

### Scene Four:

This is a transitional scene where we see the preparations being made for Juliet's wedding, a wedding that the audience knows will not take place.

*This is called \_\_\_\_\_ where the audience has information the characters on stage do not.)*

All of this preparation will in the end serve for Juliet's funeral, not her wedding.

### Scene Five:

Notice the characters enter in the opposite order they departed in 3.5.

The Nurse enters to wake Juliet and discovers her dead (pages 197-99).

**Highlight Lady Capulet's lines 24-25.**

**Highlight Lord Capulet's lines 30-34.**

8. What is the simile he uses to describe what has happened to Juliet? Explain this simile.

**Highlight Lord Capulet's lines 40-46.**

9. To whom is his daughter married?

(This is called \_\_\_\_\_ where something inhuman is given human qualities.)

**Notice** the expressions of utter grief from the two mother figures in the play (page 201).

**10.** Then the Friar arrives-- **what does he say to the family about their grief-- why should they be happy?**

Highlight Lord Capulet's lines 90-96.

Everything prepared for the marriage will now serve the family for Juliet's funeral.