Romeo & Juliet Study Guide
English 102—Barnes

Review the following:
    Symbols used
    Use of suspense
    Fate – role of fate and examples
    Exposition (Prologue)
        - Location and purpose
        - Structure
        - Point of view

Literary Devices
    Oxymoron
    Personification
    Irony
        All three types, but especially dramatic
    Foreshadowing
    Allusions used
        (major ones like Cupid/Eros, Queen
        Mab)
    Similes and metaphors
    Word play (puns)
    Setting—time AND places
    Point of view

Structure of the drama
    Tragedy
    Blank verse
    Iambic pentameter
    Couplets
    Sonnet
    Soliloquy

Characterization
    Montague, Capulet, or royal family?
    Friar Laurence, Nurse, Lady Capulet, Paris, and
Capulet – involvement with the marriages
    Quote identification
    End result for each character
    Character's motivations

Plot
    Climax, turning point
    Resolution
    Complications
    Central conflict
    Internal conflicts
    Timeline of play
    Causes and Effects of major events

Passages to study:

Prologue	Act I, sc. 3 & 5
Act II, sc. 1 & 2	Act III, sc. 1 & 5
Act IV, sc. 1 & 4	Act V, sc. 1 & 2