

Romeo and Juliet: Act 1

English 9

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Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. On the side margin include the page and line numbers where you found the answers.

Prologue

1. The prologue gives information to the view or reader. What do you learn about the fated of the two lovers and the feud between the two families from these fourteen lines?

2. What does the term “star –crossed” mean?

Act I, scene 1

3. Who starts the fight that occurs in the beginning of scene 1, and what actions provoke the fight?

4. How are Benvolio and Tybalt dramatic foils for one another?

5. What information does Prince Escalus give about the feud in his monologue?

6. What decree does he state regarding the Capulets and Montague?

7. Quote and explain the example of personification involving the sun in Benvolio’s lines on pg 726.

8. According to the Motagues and Benvolio, Romeo’s behaving strangely. Give three pieces of evidence to support that this is true.

9. Quote and explain the simile in lines 154-164.

10. Quote 3 paradoxes stated by Romeo.

11. What is causing Romeo's unhappiness? Be specific.

12. What decision has the woman Romeo is in love with made about her future?

13. What solution does Benvolio suggest for Romeo's problem?

Act 1, scene 2

14. What is Capulet's response to Paris' suit and what are his reasons for this response?

15. Why has Capulet asked Paris to come to his feast that evening?

16. How does Capulet prove to be a caring father? Quote the lines and explain their meaning.

17. Explain the humor in the servant's speech. Why does he ask Romeo to read the names?

18. What suggestion does Benvolio make to Romeo, and what is his reason for making this suggestion?

19. How is this scene an example of dramatic irony?

Act 1, scene 3

20. At the beginning of the scene, what are Juliet's thoughts on marriage?
21. What do we learn about women during this time period from the conversation between Lady Capulet, Juliet, and the nurse?
22. How does Lady Capulet feel about Juliet getting married?
23. Quote and explain the metaphor that the Nurse uses to describe Paris.
24. Explain the metaphor Lady Capulet uses to describe the union between Paris and Juliet.
25. Based on what you have learned about Paris, do you think he would be a good husband for Juliet? Explain.
26. How has Juliet proven to be an obedient daughter? When formulating your answer take into consideration lines 107-109.

Act 1, scene 4

27. Shakespeare uses the tactic of verbal scenery. One piece of information about the setting- time of day- is given by Romeo.
28. Summarize the conversation between Mercutio, Benvolio, and Romeo.
29. Quote an example of a pun from this scene and explain its double meaning.

30. Who is Queen Mab and what does she do?

31. Explain what Romeo saw in his dream.

32. What literary device is being used by Shakespeare in Romeo's retelling of his dream?

Act 1, scene 5

33. Summarize Romeo's reaction when he first sees Juliet.

34. Quote an example of personification ad simile in lines 49- 58.

35. Since the guests are masked, how does Tybalt recognize Romeo?

36. How does Tybalt react to Romeo's presence? What does he intend to do?

37. What's Capulet's reaction when he's informed that a Montague is in his home? Why does he have this reaction?

38. What do you predict will happen with Tybalt based on the lines 98-101.

39. Summarize the conversation between Romeo and Juliet when they first meet.

40. Quote and explain Romeo's lines when he realizes Juliet is a Capulet.

41. Quote and explain Juliet's lines when she realizes Romeo is a Montague.

42. If you were Romeo and Juliet, would you continue the path of your relationship? Why or why not?