

## SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Romeo and Juliet*

### Act I

1. Why do Sampson and Gregory fight with Montague's men?
2. Benvolio and Tybalt come upon the servants fighting. Contrast their reactions to the fight.
3. When Montague and Capulet enter and see the disturbance, they want to fight, too. What do their wives say?
4. What ended the opening skirmish?
5. Why is Romeo so sad?
6. In Act I Scene ii, Paris asks Capulet for Juliet's hand in marriage. What is Capulet's reply?
7. Why is Capulet giving a feast?
8. How does Romeo find out about the feast, and why does he decide to go even though (being a Montague) he is not invited?
9. Describe Juliet's relationship with her family in Act I.
10. At the end of Act I Scene iv, what does Romeo tell Benvolio, foreshadowing future action in the play?
11. What does Romeo mean when he says, "Oh, dear account! My life is my foe's debt"?

### Act II

1. In Act II Scene ii, Romeo and Juliet profess their love for one another. Juliet is to contact Romeo (through a servant) the next day. Why?
2. Why does Friar Laurence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet?
3. What message does Nurse take to Juliet?
4. What warning does Friar Laurence give Romeo foreshadowing future events of the play?

### Act III

1. In Act III, Mercutio and Benvolio get into a conflict with Tybalt. What does Romeo do when he comes upon them? Why?
2. How do Mercutio and Tybalt die?
3. What punishment did the Prince give Romeo for fighting?
4. Why did Romeo's killing Tybalt put Juliet in a bad position? What did she finally decide?
5. Lady Capulet goes to tell Juliet about the plans for the marriage between Juliet and Paris. What is Juliet's reaction?
6. What is Capulet's reaction when Juliet refuses to marry Paris?
7. What advice does Nurse give to Juliet?

### Acts IV & V

1. Why does Juliet go to Friar Laurence's cell?
2. What plans do Friar Laurence and Juliet make?
3. What news does Balthasar bring Romeo? How does Romeo react?
4. What went wrong with the Friar's plan?
5. What are the circumstances of Paris' death?
6. After she wakes up from being drugged, why does Juliet kill herself with Romeo's dagger?