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# ACT 3 Reading Questions

*Scene 1*:

1. At the beginning of the scene, why does Benvolio think that there will be a fight?
2. What does Mercutio accuse Benvolio of in lines 15-30?
3. When Tybalt and Mercutio first begin arguing, what does Benvolio try to get them to do?
4. What does Tybalt call Romeo?
5. Why won’t Romeo fight Tybalt?
6. What does Mercutio think is the reason Romeo refuses to fight?
7. What happens as a result of Romeo getting in the middle of Mercutio and Tybalt?
8. Why does Mercutio keep repeating, “A plague o’ both your houses”?
9. What does Romeo say that Juliet’s love has done to him?
10. Tybalt returns and what does Romeo do?
11. Why does Romeo call himself “fortune’s fool”?
12. When Benvolio relates to the Prince what happened, what does he say Romeo tried to before Mercutio was killed?
13. What does Lady Capulet accuse Benvolio of? Why?
14. What is Romeo’s punishment for killing Tybalt?

Scene 2

1. Why is Juliet so impatient for the nurse to return?
2. In lines 37-68 the nurse confuses Juliet as she tells Juliet of the fight. What misconception does Juliet make?
3. Describe Juliet’s rapidly changing attitudes toward Romeo in this scene.
4. How does Juliet justify Romeo killing Tybalt?
5. What piece of news has upset Juliet the most?
6. What does Juliet threaten to do?
7. What does the nurse promise to do?
8. What does Juliet give to the nurse for Roemo?

Scene 3

1. What is Romeo’s reaction when he learns that he has been banished?

2. Romeo tells Friar Laurence that the priest cannot know or understand how Romeo feels. Why?

3. Friar Laurence tells Romeo to count his blessings. What are they?

4. Explain Friar Laurence’s plan.

5. What does the nurse give to Romeo?

# 6. What does the Friar promise to do for Romeo while he is Mantua?

Scene 4

1. What does Capulet tell his wife to tell Juliet?
2. Why does Mr. Capulet think that it would be a good idea for Juliet to marry Paris?
3. Why does he want to keep the wedding small?

*Scene 5*:

1. As Romeo is preparing to leave Juliet, what argument does she use to convince him to stay?
2. Later, why does Juliet think Romeo should leave?
3. What doe Romeo promise to do as he’s leaving Juliet?
4. Just as Romeo is about to descend the rope ladder and leave Juliet, what does Juliet say about the way Romeo looks?
5. Why does Lady Capulet think Juliet is crying?
6. When Lady Capulet threatens to send someone to Mantua to poison Romeo, what does Juliet say?
7. After Lady Capulet breaks the news about Paris, what is Juliet’s response?
8. What id Lord Capulet’s response to Juliet’s refusal?
9. If Juliet’s mother does not arrange to delay the marriage, what will Juliet do?
10. What does the nurse do at the end of Act 3 which causes Juliet to question her loyalty?

Act 3 Review  
1. At the beginning of the act, what is Benvolio trying to get Mercutio to do?

2. Why does Romeo refuse to fight Tybalt? Who is the first person to draw their sword in the fight?

1. Why does Mercutio fight Tybalt?
2. What is Romeo’s punishment for killing Tybalt?
3. Who knows about Romeo and Juliet’s marriage?
4. Define soliloquy and dramatic irony. Give an example of each from this Act.
5. Explain the Friar’s new plan for Romeo and Juliet to be together:
6. What message does Lady Capulet give Juliet? What is Juliet’s reaction?
7. What is Lord Capulet’s reaction to Juliet’s refusal to marry Paris?
8. Why does Juliet lose trust in the nurse at the end of Act 3?

Romeo and Juliet-Scene Summaries

Act 3

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