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“Romeo and Juliet” Act 1

Prologue

What type of poem is the prologue? Give two reasons to support your answer.

1.

2.

This is part of the exposition of the story. What is the setting of the story?

Name three more things the prologue tells us.

1.

2.

3.

Act 1 Scene 1

1. What are the men talking/bragging about?
2. Why do Gregory and Sampson want to fight these other men that they see? Why do they hate them?
3. What is implied when you “bite your thumb at someone”? What modern gestures mean the same thing?
4. Why does Sampson change his mind and say “better”?
5. What does Benvolio try to do?
6. Why won’t Tybalt help him?
7. Eventually the Capulets and the Monatgues show up. How do the men feel about the fight versus how the women feel about it?
8. What does the Prince tell all of the town’s people?
9. What do Montague and Lady Montague discuss with their nephew?
10. Why is Romeo so sad?
11. What advice does Benvolio give Romeo to heal his broken heart?

Act 1 Scene 2

1. Who is Mr. Capulet talking to?
2. What does this man want?
3. What is Mr. Capulet’s response?
4. What is Peter supposed to do?
5. Why is he unable to do this?
6. How do Romeo and Benvolio get invited to the party?
7. Why does Benvolio want to go?
8. Why does Romeo want to go to the party?

Act 1 Scene 3

1. What is the nurse rambling about?
2. What can you infer about her relationship with Juliet from this speech?
3. What does Juliet’s mom ask her?
4. What is Juliet’s response to her mother?

Act 1 Scene 4

1. How does Romeo feel about crashing the party? How do you know?
2. What is Mercutio trying to persuade Romeo to do?
3. What is Mercutio rambling about? Why would he be doing this?
4. Summarize Romeo’s last lines of the scene. (Lines 106-113).

Act 1 Scene 5

1. What is Mr. Capulet’s mood like at the party? Cite details to support your answer.
2. Who is Romeo talking about when he says “she shows the torches how to burn bright”?
3. Why is Tybalt so upset?
4. What is Mr. Cauplet’s response to Tybalt?
5. What does Tybalt vow to do?
6. How does Romeo find out that Juliet is a Capulet?
7. How does Juliet find out that Romeo is a Montague?

Act 1 Review

List the facts we learn from the Prologue:

How old is Juliet?

Who does Romeo love at the beginning of the play?

What advice does Benvolio give him to get over his love sickness?

How do Romeo and Benvolio get invited to the party at the Capulets?

Who wants to marry Juliet in Act 1?

Why is Romeo nervous about crashing the party at the Capulets?

What is one way Act 1 foreshadows there will be tragedy later in the play?

Label the following examples of figurative language and sound devices.

1. The all-seeing sun
2. Love is a smoke made with a fume of sighs.
3. Bright smoke, cold fire, sick health
4. So far from sounding and discovery as is the bud bit by the envious worm