Romeo and Juliet Study Guide

Act One (pgs 806-841)

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Study Guide Due\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Test Due\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Focus Statement:** Act 1 of the play serves as the **exposition**. What does this mean?

**Vocabulary** **- Write the origin of the word on the line, the archaic meaning (a.) and the modern meaning (b.)**

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**Important People / Places / Things – Provide a brief description for each.**

Romeo

Benvolio

Lord Montague

Lady Montague

Mercutio

Prince Escalus

Juliet

Tybalt

Lady Capulet

Lord Capulet

Nurse

Paris

Verona

1. Which members of the Capulet and Montague household are fighting in 1:1?
2. What does the Prince say will be the punishment if the fighting continues?
3. Lady Montague expresses parental concern when she asks where Romeo is; she does not speak again for the rest of the scene. What do you imagine she is doing while her husband and Benvolio discuss her son?
4. Paraphrase what Romeo’s father and cousin say about him.

1. What, do we find out, is troubling Romeo?
2. Based on this knowledge, as well as the conversation between Romeo and Benvolio, what can you infer about Romeo’s character / personality?

**Vocabulary / Literary Terms**

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example:

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example:

comedic relief\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

example:

foreshadowing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

example:

monologue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

example:

1. What is going to happen at the Capulet house?
2. Why does Benvolio want Romeo to go to the home of the Capulet’s and why does Romeo agree?
3. Compare and contrast the characteristics of the Nurse and Lady Capulet.

1. How would you describe Juliet’s response to the news of her “engagement”?
2. In Scene 4, we are introduced to the character of Mercutio. What are your first impressions of him?
3. Based on your interpretation of Mercutio’s character, write a set of **stage directions** for his monologue on page 830.
4. Describe Romeo’s dream. What literary element is represented?
5. At the party, how does Tybalt recognize Romeo?
6. How does Tybalt’s reactions to Romeo’s presence at the party make you feel as an “audience member”?
7. Compare and contrast the characteristics of Tybalt and Benvolio.

1. Paraphrase *and provide* ***stage directions***for the first conversation between Romeo and Juliet on page 837. What “pick-up lines” does Romeo use? How does Juliet respond to them?
2. How do both Romeo and Juliet find out about the true identity of their new love interest?
3. What does Juliet mean by this line: *“My only love sprung from my only hate”*
4. What are your predictions for Act 2?