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William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*
Act IV & V Reading Guide

I. Plot: Complete the following items regarding the plot of *Romeo and Juliet*. Be as specific as you can, finding quotes as evidence to support your claims.

1. What news does Paris share with Friar Laurence in the opening of Act 4? How are his words ironic? (4.1)

2. Summarize and describe the back-and-forth between Paris and Juliet. What excuse does Juliet offer to secure time alone with Friar Laurence? (4.1)

3. What is Juliet's demeanor when she first speaks to the Friar? What does she seek from the Friar? (4.1)

4. What solution does the Friar offer to Juliet? (Be specific.) What is her reaction? (4.1)

5. How will the Friar let Romeo know of their plan? (4.1)

6. When Juliet returns to her father, what attitude does she take? What surprising news does her father announce? (4.2)

7. Who first discovers Juliet's body in the morning? (4.5)

8. Describe Juliet's parents' reactions to her apparent death. Focus on contrasting their words and attitudes with those spoken earlier and on the imagery and language Capulet uses to describe Juliet's death (4.5)

9. Summarize the Friar's words to the Capulets upon seeing their mourning (4.5)

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III. Literary Concepts: Using your textbook or a dictionary, define each literary term in the space below.

Alliteration

Apostrophe

Imagery

Metaphor

Simile

IV. Multiple Choice

1. What is the effect of the potion Friar Lawrence gives to Juliet?
    a. The potion will put her to sleep for 12 hours.
    b. The potion will put her to sleep for 24 hours.
    c. The potion will put her to sleep for 42 hours.
    d. The potion will put her to sleep for 48 hours.

2. What does Lord Capulet do when Juliet begs his forgiveness for her previous behavior?
    a. He rejects her apology and throws her out into the street.
    b. He vows to travel to Mantua to kill Romeo.
    c. He moves her wedding date to Wednesday rather than Thursday.
    d. He calls forth the Nurse to witness Juliet's apology.

3. Name one fear that Juliet does NOT express in her soliloquy from Act 4, scene 3.
    a. She fears that her parents will discover her plan to fake her death.
    b. She fears that the Friar's potion will not work.
    c. She fears that she will suffocate in the Capulets' tomb.
    d. She fears that she will wake too soon and go insane.

4. Name the character who speaks the following line: "Then I defy you, stars!"
    a. Romeo
    b. Juliet
    c. Balthasar
    d. Friar Lawrence

5. What, in Romeo's opinion, is more harmful than the poison he buys from the apothecary?
    a. love
    b. gold (money)
    c. revenge

6. What prevents Friar John from delivering his message to Romeo?
    a. Town officials believe that Friar John has been exposed to the plague.
    b. Verona's guards refuse to let him bring messages to a known fugitive.
    c. Lord Capulet threatens to kill anyone who helps Romeo.

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7. Why is Paris at the Capulets' tomb at the beginning of Act 5?
    a. He is there to kill himself.
    b. He is there to wait for Romeo.
    c. He is there to scatter flowers on Juliet's grave.
    d. He is there to pray.

8. What does Romeo tell Balthasar is the reason for his visiting Juliet's grave?
    a. He claims that he is there to protect her grave from Paris.
    b. He says that he is there to retrieve a special ring from her finger.
    c. He says he wants to hide any evidence of their secret marriage.
    d. He says that he wants to speak to her ghost.

9. What does Paris believe to be the reason for Romeo's presence at the Capulets' tomb?
    a. He believes that Romeo is there to challenge. him.
    b. He thinks Romeo is hiding there to avoid the Prince's banishment.
    c. He realizes that Romeo is there because he loves Juliet.
    d. He believes that Romeo is there to vandalize and shame the Capulets' bodies.

10. Name the character who speaks the following line: "O, I am slain! If thou be merciful, open the tomb, lay me with Juliet."
    a. Romeo
    b. Lord Capulet
    c. Balthasar
    d. Paris

11. What does Romeo notice about Juliet's body as she lies in the tomb?
    a. He notices that she has been buried in her wedding clothes.
    b. He sees that she is missing the wedding ring that he gave her.
    c. He sees that the moon is shining on her face.
    d. He notices that her cheeks and her lips are still crimson.

12. What are Romeo's final words?
    a. "Arms, take your last embrace."
    b. "Eyes, look your last."
    c. "Here's to my love."
    d. "Thus with a kiss I die."

13. When Juliet awakes, what solution does Friar Lawrence propose to her?
    a. He offers to find her a new husband from Venice.
    b. He offers to explain the whole situation to her parents.
    c. He offers to place her in a convent of nuns.
    d. He suggests that he can use a special potion to revive Romeo.

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14. In the Prince's opinion, who is primarily to blame for the deaths of Romeo & Juliet?
    a. Friar Lawrence
    b. Capulet and Montague
    c. Romeo and Juliet
    d. Mercutio and Tybalt

15. What do Capulet and Montague vow to do at the end of the play?
    a. They promise to erect statues to commemorate Romeo and Juliet.
    b. They pledge to pay the city of Verona for damage caused by their feud.
    c. Capulet swears that his niece Rosaline will marry Montague's nephew Benvolio.
    d. They agree to avoid each other for the rest of their lives.

16. In Act V, Scene iii, what does Romeo mean when he says to Paris, "By heaven, I love thee better than myself, / For I come hither armed against myself"?
    a. Romeo is warning Paris that he is armed and will fight Paris if he prevents Romeo from entering the Capulets' tomb.
    b. He is telling Paris that he has no wish to fight with him and that, in fact, he has come here to commit suicide.
    c. Since Paris loves Juliet, Romeo therefore loves Paris.
    d. Hoping to confuse Paris and catch him off guard, Romeo tells Paris that he loves him.

17. How does "heaven," or "fate," punish the Capulets and the Montagues for their feud?
    a. The Prince becomes angry at the two families.
    b. Their children fall in love but lose their lives as a result of the feud.
    c. Their children keep secrets from them.
    d. Both families are disgraced through their children's behavior.

18. At the play's end both families plan to:
    a. move to Mantua
    b. punish the Friar for his sins
    c. hold combined funeral services
    d. build golden statues of the lovers

19. Which of the following sentences *best* states a possible theme of the play?
    a. Children, obey your parents.
    b. Arranged marriages are the most successful.
    c. Hatred leads to violence, destruction, and waste.
    d. Love conquers all.

20. How many days is the play set over?
    a. 4
    b. 6
    c. 24