MLA Heading   **STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - Romeo and Juliet**

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Act I

1. Why do Sampson and Gregory pick a fight with Montague's men?

2. Benvolio and Tybalt see the servants fighting. Describe how each response to the fight.

3. When Montague and Capulet see the fight, they want to fight, too. What do their wives say?

4. What ended the fight?

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 holding a party?

8. How does Romeo find out about the party? What makes him want to go, even though he is not invited?

9. Describe Juliet's relationship with her family in Act I.

10. At the end of I.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 II.ii, Romeo and Juliet profess their love for each other. Juliet is to contact Romeo 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 fight with Tybalt. How does Romeo respond? Why?

2. Describe what happens to Mercutio and Tybalt.

3. What punishment did the Prince give Romeo for fighting?

4. Why did Romeo's actions towards Tybalt put Juliet in a bad position? What did she finally decide?

5. Lady Capulet tells Juliet about the arranged marriage between Juliet and Paris. What is her 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?