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Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

Act Three Study Guide

3.1 (This scene marks the climax of the drama.)

1. Tybalt, still enraged at Romeo's intrusion at the Capulet's ball, is determined to fight, but Romeo refuses. Why?
2. How does Mercutio get involved, and what happens to him? What does he say to Romeo and Tybalt? Why? Why might this be significant later?
3. How does Romeo react to this?
4. What part of the fight and the events leading up to it does Benvolio leave out in his explanation of the events when telling the Prince what happened?
5. What decree does the Prince make about Romeo? How will he further punish the Montagues and Capulets?

3.2

1. Explain the dramatic irony in the beginning of this scene.
2. How does Juliet react to the nurse's news? (She goes through several stages of emotions.)
3. To what does Juliet compare Romeo's banishment?
4. What does Juliet plan to do with the cords? (See lines 145-150.)
5. How does the nurse console her?

3.3

1. How does Romeo react to the news of his banishment? (He compares it to _____ and then does what?)
2. Essentially, what point is the Friar trying to make in lines 118-155? What is the plan he comes up with in lines 156-164, 180-182?

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3.4

1. What day is it?
2. How does the action in this scene complicate matters even further?
3. How does Capulet's attitude now differ from his attitude when Paris first came to ask for Juliet's hand in marriage?
4. Explain the dramatic irony in this scene (there are several things).

3.5

1. What day is it now?
2. What are Romeo and Juliet "arguing" about in the opening of this scene? Why?
3. Romeo promises to do what while in Mantua (see lines 49-50)?
4. What, essentially, do they say to each other as Romeo leaves? How does Romeo explain this?
5. In the conversation with her mother, Juliet speaks very ambiguously. Who is she *really* talking about and what is she *really* saying?
6. How does Capulet react to Juliet's refusal to marry Paris?
7. What advice does the nurse give Juliet? Why? What does Juliet decide to do?