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*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

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**Looking Back at Act 1**

**Directions:** Choose one of the following assignments to complete. Be sure to follow all parts of the directions for the assignment that you choose. Use a separate sheet of paper for your work, and attach this page to your writing.

1. **“Dear Abby”**

Benvolio tells Romeo that the cure for his infatuation with Rosaline is to look at other girls (“Examine other beauties”). Imagine you are an Advice Columnist for a newspaper or magazine. Romeo writes to you with his problem (using the information from the play in 1.1.170-end of scene). Write his letter and your reply.

2. **Rosaline’s diary**

Until he sees Juliet, Romeo believes he is in love with Rosaline. She never appears in the play, so give her a voice! Write a few entries in Rosaline’s diary. How does she feel about Romeo’s infatuation? What did she say as she kept him at a distance (see 1.1.214-230)? How does she feel when she hears he has fallen for Juliet? Remember, Rosaline is Juliet’s cousin, so she’s a Capulet, too.

3. **Tybalt’s point of view**

Tybalt meets his friends as he leaves Capulet’s party. Tell his story of the party and his past experience of the Montagues.

4. **Love at first sight**

Do you believe in love at first sight? Romeo loves Juliet from the first moment he sees her. Think about what happens in that electrifying moment when two people fall head over heels in love. Then, take the title “Love at First Sight” and write a short story about it. End your story with Romeo’s line “For I ne’er saw true beauty till this night.”