**Romeo and Juliet Act 2 Guide**

**Prologue**

1. Explain in your own words the meaning of the quote:

"Being held a foe, he may not have access To breathe such vows as lovers use to swear, And she as much in love, her means much less To meet her new belovèd anywhere."

**Act 2 Scene 1**

1. When Benvolio scolds Mercutio for saying something Benvolio suggests will anger Romeo, what is Mercutio's response (give the quote) and tell what it means in your own words.

**Act 2 Scene 2**

1. When Romeo says "he jests at scars who never felt a wound" he is speaking about Mercutio...what "wound" is Romeo saying Mercutio has never felt (and how likely is it that Romeo is right about this?)

2. Since Diane/Artemis is the goddess of the moon (and of virginity)--what does Romeo mean when he says "Her vestal livery is but sick and green, And none but fools do wear it. Cast it off!"?

3. What does Juliet mean when she says " O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo? Deny thy father and refuse thy name. Or, if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love, And I’ll no longer be a Capulet."

4. What does Juliet say will happen if Romeo is found on the Capulet grounds talking to her? Give a quote as support:

5. Give a quote of Juliet's that is the best evidence she and Romeo are moving far too fast :

**Act 2 Scene 3**

1. Why does Friar Lawrence think Romeo never went home to his bed? Give quote support:

2. How seriously does Friar Lawrence take Romeo's profession of love for Juliet? Give quote support:

3. Lawrence says: "In one respect I’ll thy assistant be, For this alliance may so happy prove To turn your households’ rancor to pure love." Lawrence has already said he doesn't think what Romeo feels is true love...the quote gives Lawrence's reason for agreeing to marry them anyway...in your own words, what is the reason:

**Act 2 Scene 4**

1. Mercutio goes on at some length criticizing Rosaline for hurting Romeo; he says:

"Why, that same pale hard-hearted wench, that Rosaline, Torments him so, that he will sure run mad" and "Alas, poor Romeo! He is already dead, stabbed with a white wench’s black eye, shot through the ear with a love song, the very pin of his heart cleft with the blind bow-boy’s butt shaft"

Is there anything suspicious about this? Explain why or why not:

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2. What does Mercutio think Tybalt (the Prince of Cats) wants with Romeo? (in your own words only)

3. What specifically does Romeo tell the Nurse to tell Juliet about the afternoon? Give the quote:

4. How will they be together on their wedding night since their marriage will be in secret, and who will help by bringing necessary equipment to the Capulets? (in your own words)

5. What does the Nurse's quote here mean:

"Oh, there is a nobleman in town, one Paris, that would fain lay knife aboard"

**Act 2 Scene 5**

1. Give a quote that reveals how impatient Juliet is for the Nurse to return from meeting with Romeo:

2. What news does the Nurse finally give Juliet? Give the quote:

3. What does all the joking back and forth banter between the Nurse and Juliet and the Nurse's help in relaying marriage information and helping Romeo climb to Juliet's bedroom tell you about their relationship? And what does this tell you about Juliet's relationship with her mother?

**Act 2 Scene 6**

1. What part of Friar Lawrence's quote here is warning, and what part is advice?

"These violent delights have violent ends And in their triumph die, like fire and powder, Which, as they kiss, consume. The sweetest honey Is loathsome in his own deliciousness And in the taste confounds the appetite. Therefore love moderately. Long love doth so. Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow."

warning:

advice:

2. In the quote above, what does Friar Lawrence's advice mean in your own words?