

R & J ACT V QUESTIONS
ENGLISH I
MRS. PILGREEN

Name _____

Date _____

Hour _____

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

1. At the start of Scene i, why is Romeo happy and expecting joyful news?
2. Why do each of the following characters go to Juliet's tomb?
 - a. Friar Lawrence:
 - b. Romeo:
 - c. Paris:
3. What causes Paris and Romeo to fight?
4. How do Romeo and Juliet die?
 - a. Romeo:
 - b. Juliet:
5. How does the relationship of the feuding families change at the end of the play?

CRITICAL THINKING

1. Why isn't it surprising that Friar Lawrence's plan fails?
2. Hearing Balthasar's report of Juliet's death, Romeo exclaims, "Then I defy you, stars!"
 - a. What does this mean?
 - b. What do these words reveal about Romeo's personality?

3. In what way is each of the following responsible for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet?
 - a. Fate/luck/chance:
 - b. Romeo and Juliet themselves:
 - c. The feuding families:
4. What lessons can be learned from Shakespeare's play about the effects of hatred?
5. Was it necessary for Romeo and Juliet to die for the feud between the Montagues and Capulets to end? Explain your answer.
6. Explain how the lesson that the play teaches could apply to a situation today.

LITERARY FOCUS: TRAGEDY

1. What character traits of the lovers may have led to their destruction?
2. What events reveal the tragic influence of fate or chance?
3. What other causes or conditions are important to the way events turn out?
4. Write a one-sentence statement of the **theme**, using the following format:
The theme of this play is that _____ leads to the destruction of _____.

VOCABULARY

Choose the best **synonym** for the first word.

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| 1. remnants: | a) cloths | b) remains | c) factors |
| 2. penury | a) poverty | b) currency | c) disease |
| 3. haughty | a) timid | b) friendly | c) egotistical |
| 4. sepulcher | a) monument | b) tomb | c) cemetery |
| 5. ambiguities | a) courtesies | b) details | c) uncertainties |
| 6. scourge | a) sorrow | b) whip | c) hatred |