

**R & J ACT II QUESTIONS**  
ENGLISH I  
MRS. PILGREEN

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

1. Why does Juliet cry out in Scene ii, “O Romeo, Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore (why) art thou Romeo?”
2. What doubts and fears does Juliet express even as she realizes that Romeo loves her?
3. What weakness in Romeo’s character does Friar Lawrence point out before agreeing to assist the lovers in their plan to wed?
4. How does Romeo defend himself against the Friar’s accusation?
5. Why does Friar Lawrence finally agree to marry Romeo and Juliet?
6. Why does the Nurse help Romeo and Juliet carry out their plan to be married?

CRITICAL THINKING

1. Explain the role that darkness plays in helping Romeo and Juliet learn of their love for each other (balcony scene).
2. Describe Juliet’s feelings in Scene v as she waits for the Nurse to reveal Romeo’s message.
3. Aside from wanting Romeo and Juliet to be happy, what other **motives** does Friar Lawrence have for marrying the couple?

4. Although the events of Act II are joyful ones, Shakespeare **foreshadows** more sinister events that will occur later. Find at least two examples of **foreshadowing** and explain each example:
  - a.
  - b.
5. Are the feelings that Romeo and Juliet have for each other true love or infatuation? Explain.
6. Why do you think that the love scene in Capulet's garden (balcony scene) is the most famous in all of literature?
7. Juliet is thirteen and Romeo is not much older.
  - a. In what way is their love typical of teenagers?
  - b. In what way is their love not typical of teenagers?

#### LITERARY FOCUS: BLANK VERSE (worksheet)

#### VOCABULARY

Match each word with its meaning on the right.

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| 1. lamentable intercession: | a) low slyness         |
| 2. to procure quickly:      | b) dominating hue      |
| 3. vile cunning:            | c) sickly skin tone    |
| 4. predominant color:       | d) awkward tool        |
| 5. sallow complexion:       | e) sad pleading        |
| 6. unwieldy implement:      | f) cowardly fluctuator |
| 7. spineless waverer:       | g) to obtain fast      |