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*Romeo & Juliet*—Act I Reading Guide

1. In the prologue, what does the chorus say will happen to the two lovers?

2. Identify the characters by describing the relationship to either Capulet or Montague:

Sampson

Gregory

Balthasar

Benvolio

Tybalt

Romeo

Juliet

Abram

3. Who is Escalus?

4. What does Escalus say he will do to anyone who fights in the future?

5. How does Benvolio say the fighting began?

6. According to Benvolio and Montague, how has Romeo been acting recently?

7. How does Romeo explain his behavior?

8. What remedy does Benvolio suggest for Romeo’s problem?

9. What does Capulet tell Paris he will have to do in order to marry Juliet?

10. Why does the servant ask Romeo to read the list of guests who are invited to the party at the Capulets’?

11. What makes Romeo decide to go to the party?

12. In scene 3, what does lady Capulet instruct Juliet to do at the party regarding Paris?

13. What does the nurse seem to want for Juliet?

14. How does Romeo indicate he is feeling right before they go to the party?

15. How do Romeo, Mercutio, and Benvolio plan to hide their identities at the Capulet party?

16. According to Mercutio, what is queen Mab doing in her travels?

17. What feelings does Mercutio express about dreams?

18. At the end of scene 4, what does Romeo fear?

19. How does Romeo react when he first sees Juliet?

20. When Tybalt tells Capulet that Romeo is present, what does Capulet say?

21. How does Juliet feel about Romeo? What does she say?