**Name *Romeo & Juliet: Act One Guide***

*Scene 1*:

1. Who is fighting at the beginning of the scene?

Sampson and Gregory, two servants of Capulet start a fight with two servants from the Montague household.

1. Who tries to break up the fighting?

Benvolio – he is on the side of the Montague

1. What threat does the Prince make to Lord Montague and Lord Capulet?

The Prince states that if the fighting continues, they will be put to death whoever is involved.

4. According to Benvolio and Montague, how has Romeo been acting? Why is Romeo acting this way?

Romeo has been acting very depressed. Rome confesses that he is in love with a girl named Rosaline.

5. What is Benvolio’s advice to Romeo?

Benvolio suggests that Romeo should date other girls.

*Scene 2*:

1. What does Paris ask Capulet about in this scene? What is Capulet’s response?

Paris asks for Juliet’s hand in marriage. He is happy, but feels that Juliet is much too young, she is 13 years old and would like him to wait.

2. Explain the meaning of Capulet’s line: “Earth hath swallowed all my hopes but she.”

His other children dies and are buried and Juliet is the only child he has left.

3. With whom is Romeo in love?

Rosealine

4. What do Romeo and Benvolio decide to do at the end of the scene?

They will attend Lord’s Capulet’s masquerade party.

*Scene 3*:

1. What topic does Lady Capulet come to speak to Juliet about? What is Juliet’s response to this topic?

To marry Paris. Juliet is not interested in marriage, but she will meet Paris at the party.

2. Fully describe the relationship between Juliet and the nurse.

The nurse is more of a mother to Juliet than Lady Capulet. The nurse raised her and care for her from birth.

*Scene 4*:

1. According to Mercutio, who is Queen Mab, and what does she do?

Queen Mab is a fairy who visits people in their dreams. Romeo dreamt that going to the party will be a bad idea.

2. What does Mercutio say about dreams?

Dreams are pointless, meaningless

3. Explain the pun (the double meaning) of Mercutio’s line: “Dreamers often lie.”

When you are dreaming you are sleeping, so you are lying down.

( Add this pun to your dramatic devices sheet)

4. Review lines 113-120. How is Romeo feeling at the end of this scene?

Romeo has an unsettling feeling about the party, he has a feeling it will lead to death.

He enters the feast anyway

*Scene 5*:

1. What does Romeo say about love and Juliet the first time he sees her? Why should the audience be surprised at this declaration?

He has never seen a girl more beautiful and he is struck by her presence and love. Before meeting Juliet, Romeo was in love with a girl named Rosealine and there was to be no other love for him.

2. What reasons does Lord Capulet give Tybalt for not harming Romeo at the Capulet feast?

Romeo is a good guy and highly respected in Verona, and he does not want him harmed at the feast.

1. Shakespeare writes in sonnet form when Romeo and Juliet first speak to each other. Describe the conversation and actions between Romeo and Juliet during this moment.

**Very intense and impulsive, they fall madly in love with on anotrther. They hold hands, hug and kiss each other.**