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*Romeo and Juliet* Guided Reading Questions

ACT 1

Scene 1:

1. Explain the puns that Sampson and Gregory are making in the first 4 lines (Give all of the meanings of the words-coals/colliers/choler/collar).
2. Who causes the fight? Who tries to stop it? Who keeps it going?
3. What are the main differences between Benvolio and Tybalt?
4. Who breaks up the fight between the Montagues and the Capulets? What does he warn will be the penalty if he finds them fighting again?
5. Why are Romeo’s parents worried about him?
6. Why is Romeo sad?
7. What advice does Benvolio give Romeo?

Scene 2:

1. How old is Juliet?
2. When does Capulet say Juliet will be ready for marriage?
3. Who wants to marry Juliet?
4. Capulet will allow Juliet to marry only under what condition?
5. What problem does the Clown face? What has he been asked to do?
6. Why does Romeo want to go to the party?
7. Why does Benvolio want Romeo to go to the party?

Scene 3:

1. What is your impression of the Nurse? (What kind of person is she?)
2. Why does Lady Capulet encourage Juliet to marry Paris?
3. What does Juliet promise her mother?

Scene 4:

1. How will Romeo and his friends escape detection at the party? Why do they not want to be detected?
2. According to Mercutio, what does Queen Mab do?
3. Paraphrase: “I fear too early for my mind misgives/ Some consequence yet hanging in the stars” (1.4.106-107).

Scene 5:

1. Copy the line that shows Romeo noticing Juliet for the first time.
2. Who notices that Romeo is a Montague? How can he tell?
3. How does Capulet feel about Romeo being at the party?
4. Who interrupts Romeo and Juliet?
5. What does Romeo find out after Juliet goes to see her mother?