Romeo & Juliet - Questions & Important Quotes

Act 1

Important Quotations

Act 1 Scene 1
lines 39-44 Sampson/Abram
lines 85-90 Prince
lines 114-115 Lady Montague
lines 159-164 Romeo & Benvolio
lines 173-177 Romeo

Act 1 Scene 2
lines 8-12 Capulet
lines 16-19 Capulet
lines 86-87 Benvolio
lines 97-99 Juliet
line 105 Nurse

Act 1 Scene 3
lines 25-28 Romeo & Mercutio

Act 1 Scene 5
lines 43-52 Romeo – discuss light imagery
lines 137-140 Juliet

Questions

~~ACT 1 SCENE 2~~
~~1. In this scene Lord Capulet talks to Paris about marrying his daughter Juliet. What two reasons does he give for not wanting Juliet to marry at this time (lines 8-14)?~~
~~2. On what condition will Lord Capulet agree to Juliet's marriage with Paris? (lines 16-19)~~
~~3. What does this reveal about Lord Capulet's love for his daughter?~~
~~4. From the servant who cannot read we learn that Rosaline, with whom Romeo believes he is in love, will be at the Capulet party. Why does this excite Benvolio? What is his plan (lines 84-89)?~~
~~5. Explain Benvolio's analogy in lines 86-89.~~
~~6. Why does Romeo agree to go to the party (lines 102-103)?~~

ACT 1 SCENE 3
In this scene Lady Capulet is informing Juliet and her nurse of Count Paris' proposal of marriage.
1. What is the nurse's relationship with Juliet?
2. What is the nurse's one wish for Juliet and why? (lines 62-63)
3. When Lady Capulet asks Juliet how she feels about being married, what is Juliet's answer (line 67), and what does it say about her character?
4. The nurse and Lady Capulet are both excited and pleased by Paris' proposal but for different reasons. The nurse says Paris is "a man of wax" and at the end of the scene encourages Juliet to "Go, girl, seek happy nights to happy days." What does the nurse see in Paris, and what does it reveal about her attitude toward love and marriage?
5. What is Juliet's attitude toward love and marriage? (lines 98-100)

ACT 1 SCENE 4
1. Why does Romeo feel uneasy about going to the party? What dream-like premonition has he had? (lines 106-111)
2. What decision does Romeo make in lines 112-113
3. How is this important to the theme of the story?

ACT 1 SCENE 5
1. We learn from Romeo's **soliloquy (a speech delivered while the speaker is alone, calculated to inform the audience of what is passing in the character's mind)** that he is struck by love at first sight when he sees Juliet at the party. Put Romeo's speech in your own words (lines 43-53) in 2-3 sentences. (summarize)
2. To what does he compare Juliet?
3. How does this speech about his love for Juliet compare to his speeches about being in love with Rosaline?
4. Tybalt recognizes Romeo's voice and tries to start a fight. What two reasons does Lord Capulet give for stopping him (lines 65-69)?
5. What threat does Tybalt make as he agrees to withdraw? (lines 90-91)
6. In lines 92-105 Romeo and Juliet speak to each other. Their lines form a sonnet. Translate the lines of the sonnet into Modern English <u>line by line</u>
7. Dramatic Irony is when the audience knows something the characters do not.
What is ironic about Juliet's line 134?

Act 2

Important Quotations

Act 2 Scene 1
line 33 Mercutio

Act 2 Scene 2
lines 2-3 Romeo
lines 34-36 Juliet
lines 58-59 Juliet
lines 109-111 Juliet
line 125 Romeo
lines 155-157 Romeo
lines 158-163 Juliet

Act 2 Scene 3
lines 61-64 & 75-77 & 87-88 Friar Lawrence

Act 2 Scene 4
lines 19-27 Mercutio
line 77 Mercutio

Act 2 Scene 5
lines 60-61 Juliet

Act 2 Scene 6
lines 14-15 Friar Lawrence

Questions

ACT 2 SCENE 2
1. Juliet is on the balcony outside her bedroom but cannot hear the words that Romeo says to himself as he looks at her from the hiding place below. Answer the following questions about lines 2-25:
   a.   Romeo repeats the light and dark images he introduced when he saw Juliet for the first time. Why does Romeo compare Juliet to the sun?
   b.   Why does he compare Juliet's eyes to the stars?
   c.   Why is this comparison to stars another example of foreshadowing?
2. Juliet is still unaware that Romeo is nearby. Paraphrase these lines. (lines 33-36)
3. What is Juliet's attitude toward the feud that has separated the two families? (lines 43-55)
4. After Juliet asks some important questions (lines 58-84), she realizes that Romeo has overheard her intimate thoughts about him. How does her attitude change in lines 85-105? What is she worried about?
5. Juliet speaks of her fears in lines 116-119. What are her fears?
6. Summarize lines 142-148.

ACT 2 SCENE 3
1. What does Romeo tell Friar Laurence, and what does he want from the Friar (lines 43-64)?
2. What is Friar Lawrence's reaction to hearing of Romeo's new love (lines 65-80)?
3. Reread lines 89-92. What reason does Friar Laurence give for agreeing to marry Romeo and Juliet?

ACT 2 SCENE 4
1. What message does Romeo urge the nurse to give to Juliet (lines 163-166)?

ACT 2 SCENE 5
1. Juliet is very impatient to hear news from Romeo (lines 1-17). What images does she use in her soliloquy to express this?
2. Why does the Nurse agree to help Juliet marry Romeo?

Act 3

Questions

ACT 3 SCENE 1
2. Mercutio tries to provoke Tybalt to fight (lines 37-38). Why doesn't Tybalt want to fight him (line 53)?
3. After Tybalt insults Romeo, Romeo responds with lines 59-62. What is the "reason" Romeo has for ignoring the insult?
5. Why does Romeo's answer to Tybalt's insults upset Mercutio? What does he think Romeo is doing (line 70)?
6. Romeo tries to stop Mercutio and Tybalt from fighting by reasoning with them (lines 82-85). Sumamrize what he says.
7. Even when he is dying, Mercutio continues to joke and to make puns. Explain the pun he makes in lines 92-99.
8. Mercutio repeats the following line (106) three times and then adds the next line. Explain what he means: "A plague O' both your houses! / They have made worm's meat of me."
10. After Mercutio dies, why does Romeo decide to kill Tybalt instead of accepting Mercutio's death as an unfortunate accident?
11. What does Romeo mean in line 132 - 136?
13. What is Lord Montague's reasoning in his attempt to persuade the Prince not to kill Romeo for killing Tybalt? (lines 180-183)
14. What is the Prince's ruling, and what are the reasons he gives for making it (lines 182-185)?

ACT 3 SCENE 2
1. In lines 37-68 the nurse confuses Juliet as she tells Juliet of the fight. What misconception does Juliet make?
2. When Juliet receives news of Tybalt's death, what is her first reaction? (lines 73)
3. Reread Juliet's lines 90-92. When the nurse agrees with Juliet, Juliet has a different reaction to Romeo's killing of Tybalt. Explain. (lines 90-92)
4. What happens at the end of the scene?

ACT 3 SCENE 3
1. What is Romeo's reaction when he learns that he has been banished?
2. From the beginning of the play, Romeo acts impulsively. In what way is he still impulsive in this scene (lines 102-108)?
3. Explain Friar Laurence's plan (lines 146-154).

ACT 3 SCENE 5
Questions begin with Lady Capulet's entrance, line 68.
1. Lady Capulet misunderstands Juliet's sadness, and Juliet does not want her to know what has happened between Romeo and Juliet. What does Juliet say about Tybalt and Romeo to keep the truth from her mother (lines 67-102)?
2. What is Juliet's response when she is told the news that she is to marry Paris (lines 116-123)? How has she changed since Act 1?
3. What is her mother's reaction to Juliet's response (line 124 and lines 139-140)?
4. What is Lord Capulet's response to Juliet's refusal to marry Paris? (lines 190-194)
5. What does the Nurse advise Juliet to do (lines 212-225)? What is her reasoning?
6. After the Nurse leaves and Juliet is alone, what does Juliet decide to do (lines 240-243)?

Act 4

Important Quotations

Scene 1
line 21 Juliet
lines 81-86 Juliet

Scene 2
line 17-18 Juliet

Scene 3
lines 15-16
lines 55-59

Scene 4
lines 7-12
lines 28-29
line 37
lines 100-101

Questions

ACT 4 SCENE 1
1. Why is Paris visiting Friar Laurence?
2. Juliet tells Friar Laurence what she will do if the wedding to Paris cannot be avoided. Summarize lines 50-67.
3. Summarize lines 68-76. The Friar says he has thought of a way out, but what would it require?
4. What is Juliet's answer to the Friar in her effort to convince him that she will do anything to avoid the marriage with Paris (lines 76-88)?
5. Detail Friar Laurence's plan as described in lines 89-120.

ACT 4 SCENE 2
1. What is Juliet saying in lines 17-18?

ACT 4 SCENE 3
1. What is Juliet doing in lines 14 – 23?
2. What is the importance of lines 55-59?

ACT 4 SCENE 4
1. What is revealed about Capulet in lines 7-12? What kind of language is used?
2. In lines 29 – 29, note the figurative language that is used. Who is it describing?
3. Who is the "him' in line 37?
4. What is the purpose of the interlude with the musicians in lines 100-101?

Act 5

Important Quotations

Scene 1
line 24
lines 80-82 What is Romeo talking about?

Scene 2
lines 15-16

Scene 3
lines 37-39
lines 59-60
lines 87-91   Discuss light imagery.
lines 209-210   What is revealed?
lines 228-229
lines 298-299   How does this relate to the quote about Romeo and gold?

Questions

ACT 5 SCENE 1
1. What premonition does Romeo have at the beginning of this scene (lines 1-11)?
2. What news does Balthazar bring? How does this disrupt the Friar's plan?
3. Summarize Line 24. Why is this a bold thing to say?
4. What does Romeo decide to do after he hears Balthazar's story (lines 34-57)?

ACT 5 SCENE 2
1. What story does Friar John tell Friar Laurence as explanation as to why he could not deliver the letter to Romeo?

ACT 5 SCENE 3
1. What does Romeo notice about Juliet? Explain the dramatic irony in lines 91-96
5. What does Juliet realize about the situation in line 167?
6. Explain the lines 169-170