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*Romeo and Juliet* Reading Questions---Act 3

**Scene 1**

1. How does Benvolio show himself to be a reasoning man?
2. What is Mercutio’s response?
3. How does Mercutio show himself to be the more reckless of the two?
4. What is Romeo’s response to Tybalt’s challenge?
5. How does Mercutio react to Romeo refusing to fight Tybalt?
6. How is Romeo responsible for Mercutio being stabbed?
7. How is Mercutio sarcastic about his wound?
8. What is Romeo’s reaction to Mercutio’s death?
9. What does Lady Capulet request of the Prince?
10. What slant does Benvolio put on his account of the fight?
11. What is Lady Capulet’s comment on Benvolio’s story?
12. What is the Prince’s decision?

**Scene 2**

1. What news does the Nurse bring Juliet?
2. Juliet’s first reaction is to curse Romeo. What is her next reaction?
3. Why does the Nurse volunteer to go and get Romeo?
4. Where is Romeo hiding? What is Juliet’s plan? Why does she give the Nurse her ring?

**Scene 3**

1. How does Romeo react to being banished?
2. Why does Romeo say the Friar has no understanding of what is happening?
3. When Romeo tries to kill himself, what does the Friar accuse him of?
4. Why does the Friar say Romeo should be happy?
5. What does the Friar tell him to do?

**Scene 4**

1. Why do Lord and Lady Capulet think Juliet is grieving?
2. What decision does Lord Capulet make?

**Scene 5**

1. Describe the conversation between Romeo and Juliet at the opening of the scene.
2. Lady Capulet vents her anger towards Romeo. Why does Juliet appear to speak ill of Romeo?
3. What news does Juliet’s mother bring?
4. What is Juliet’s response?
5. Why does Lord Capulet get so angry when he hears Juliet does not wish to marry?
6. When the Nurse speaks up for Juliet, what is she told?
7. If forced to marry, what does Juliet threaten?
8. What is her mother’s response?
9. What is the Nurse’s advice?
10. When Juliet hears this opinion, what is her decision regarding the Nurse?
11. Why does Juliet go to Friar Lawrence?