

## *Romeo and Juliet*

### **Prereading questions: Act I, scene i and ii**

1. In *Romeo and Juliet* we are introduced to the Capulets and the Montagues, two families which have been at odds for many years. What types of things can cause two families to feud? What do some feuds last for a long period of time? How can these types of situations be put to an end?

2. Suppose you are the ruler of a small kingdom and have absolute control over the lives of your subjects. In recent weeks, rival gangs have fought in the streets several times, destroying property and killing several innocent people. What might you do to prevent these fights from erupting again? Explain your reasons for taking this action.

3. If you were a wealthy 16<sup>th</sup> century man, how would you respond when the Prince's cousin asked your permission to marry your fourteen year-old daughter, who is your only child?

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### **Prereading questions: Act I, scenes iii-v**

1. Juliet is about to be approached by her mother regarding Paris' marriage proposal. Think of the different ways she might respond. What do you think may cause her possible reaction(s)? Explain.

2. Romeo plans to attend a party he is not invited to. How do you think he will act? How do you think he should act? Why? Discuss.

3. Do you believe in "love at first sight?" Why or why not? Some people believe that "love at first sight" is possible while others disagree. Take a side and present your arguments.