

# Romeo and Juliet Act II

## Character Development

Shakespeare reveals his characters in four ways:

- through what the characters say to other characters in dialogue.
- through what the characters reveal about their thoughts through long speeches to the audience called soliloquies.
- through what other characters say about them.
- through what they do, their actions.

Directions: complete the following handout. In the first column, write a summary of what the character says/does/what others say about him/her. In the second column, explain what that says about the character.

### Mercutio

Scene	What Mercutio says, does, or what others says about him	What this reveals about Mercutio's character
Act II, scene i After the banquet, in the lane outside Capulet's orchard		
Act II, scene iv In the street when Benvolio informs him of Tybalt's challenge		
Act II, scene iv When he ncounters the Nurse		

### Nurse

Scene	What Nurse says, does, or what others says about her	What this reveals about Nurse's character
Act II, scene iv Nurse meets Romeo in the street		
Act II, scene v Nurse tells Juliet of Romeo's plans		

## Romeo

Scene	What Romeo says, does, or what others says about him	What this reveals about Romeo's character
Act II, scene ii Romeo slips away from his friends and meets Juliet		
Act II, scene iii Romeo meets with Friar Laurence		
Act II, scene iv Romeo meets Mercutio in the street		
Act II, scene iv Romeo meets with the nurse		
Act II, scene vi Romeo marries Juliet		

## Juliet

Scene	What Juliet says, does, or what others says about her	What this reveals about Juliet's character
Act II, scene ii Juliet meets Romeo on her balcony		
Act II, scene v Juliet learns of Romeo's plans from the Nurse		
Act II, scene vi Juliet marries Romeo		