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ROMEO & JULIET- ACT I READING GUIDE

Directions: Complete all sections of this worksheet as you read.

CHARACTERS -Write a short description of each character including personality traits and the character's family.	
Benvolio	Romeo
Mercutio	Juliet
Tybalt	Prince Escalus

SCENE I (pg. 684-693)	
1. Prince Escalus breaks up a fight cause by the feud between the two families. He says that if a fight happens again, those involved will...	
2. Lord Montague, Lady Montague, and _____ discuss Romeo's mood. List two things that they say to indicated that he is depressed.	
3. Romeo confesses that he is depressed because...	
SCENES II, III, IV (pg. 693-707)	
4. Define the word TROW in your own words.	
5. Define the word ROOD in your own words.	
6. List two reasons that Lord Capulet hesitates to give his permission to Paris to marry Juliet.	
7. Why do the nurse and Lady Capulet think that Paris will make a fine husband?	
8. What does Juliet promise her mother?	

9. Why is Romeo afraid to go to the banquet?	
SCENE V (pg. 709-715)	
10. Define the word PRODIGIOUS in your own words.	
11. When Romeo first sees Juliet, his sad mood suddenly changes. Write two phrases that Romeo uses to describe Juliet.	
12. Lord Capulet forbids Tybalt to fight with Romeo at the banquet. What does Lord Capulet say to show how he feels about Romeo?	
13. Describe Romeo's & Juliet's reactions upon learning each other's identity.	

QUOTE EXPLORATION			
Quote	Who Said It	To Whom	What it Means (line by line)
Act I.ii. 46-50 One pain is less'ned by another's anguish; Turn giddy and be holp by backward turning; One desperate grief cures with another's anguish: Take though some new infection to thy eye, And the rank poison of the old will die.			
Act I.v. 117-118 Is she a Capulet? O dear account! My life is my foe's debt.			
Act I.v. 138-141 My only love, sprung from my only hate! Too early seen unknown, and know too late! Prodigious birth of love it is to me, That I must love a loathed enemy.			

ACT I REFLECTION	
Find an example of foreshadowing in Act I. Describe it and what it is foreshadowing.	
Are Romeo & Juliet really in love? Why or why not? Do you see any possible threats in their relationship? What are they?	

