

ROMEO & JULIET- ACT IV READING GUIDE

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

SCENE I (pg. 785-790)

1. Define the word SUBTEXT in your own words.	
2. Before Juliet arrives in the cell, Friar Laurence speaks to Paris about their upcoming wedding. Describe Friar Laurence's subtext.	
3. After Juliet arrives, she and Paris have a conversation. Describe what you think their subtext might be:	Juliet- Paris-

Explain Friar Laurence's unusual plan by completing the list below:

4. On Wednesday night Juliet will...

5. Juliet will feel...

6. Thursday morning Paris will...

7. Then Juliet's family will...

8. In the meantime, Friar Laurence will...

9. Finally, Romeo will...

SCENES II & III (pg. 790-795)

10. In scene ii, Juliet suddenly appears to have had a change of heart. Describe what you think the subtext is as she speaks to her parents.	
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11. As Juliet prepares to drink the vial she contemplates the Friar's plan. In the chart below, list the reasons why she should and should not drink the poison. List at least 2 on each side.

Reasons to drink the poison	Reasons NOT to drink the poison

SCENE IV & V (pg. 795-803)

12. Where does Lord Capulet send the Nurse?	
11. Lord Capulet describes her death by saying, "Death lies on her like an untimely frost Upon the sweetest flower of all the field." Explain why death and Juliet can be explained in this manner.	
12. Read through all the different reactions to Juliet's death. Who do you think is most upset by her death? Explain your reasoning.	
13. What does the Friar advise Juliet's parents to do with her body? Why does he advise this?	

QUOTE EXPLORATION

Quote	Who Said It	To Whom	What it Means (line by line)
<p>Act IV.i. 68-76 Hold, daughter, I do spy a kind of hope, Which craves as desperate an execution As that is desperate which we would prevent. If, rather than to marry County Paris. Thou hast the will of strength to slay thyself, Then it is likely thou wilt undertake A thing like death to undertake this shame, That copest with death himself to 'scape from it. And if thou darest, I'll give thee remedy.</p>			
<p>Act IV.v. 69-72 Your part in her you could not keep from death, But heaven keeps his part in eternal life. The most you sought was her promotion, For 'twas your heaven she should be advanced.</p>			

ACT IV REFLECTION

<p>Make some judgements about Juliet's decision to drink the potion. Did she make the right choice? Does she demonstrate strength or cowardice when she drinks the potion?</p>	
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