**Romeo and Juliet – Act 5 Answers**

**ACT 5 SCENE 1**

1. What premonition does Romeo have at the beginning of this scene (lines 1-11)?

Romeo has a premonition about Juliet kissing Romeo's lifeless lips and bringing him back to life.

2. What news does Balthasar bring? How does this disrupt the Friar’s plan?

Balthasar tells Romeo that Juliet is dead which causes Romeo to rush to Verona and see his widow wife, this disrupts Friar Laurence's plans however because this causes Romeo to be in the tomb when he shouldn't be.

3. Highlight line 24. Paraphrase. Why is this a brazen thing to say?

"Is it even so? Then I defy you, stars!"

"So that's how it's going to be? Then I defy you, destiny!"

This statement is very brazen because you can not actually defy destiny.

4. What does Romeo decide to do after he hears Balthasar’s story (lines 34-57)?

Romeo decides to head to Verona to see his lifeless wife and die in order to spend eternity with her.

**ACT 5 SCENE 2**

1. What story does Friar John tell Friar Laurence as explanation as to why he could not deliver the letter to Romeo?

Friar John tells Friar Laurence that there was a plague on the way to Mantua and he was stalled and could not deliver the message to Romeo.

**ACT 5 SCENE 3**

1. Highlight lines 91-96. What does Romeo notice about Juliet? Explain the dramatic irony.

"Call this a lightening, oh my love, my love

Death that has sucked the honey of thy breath

Hath had no power yet upon thy beauty

Thou aren't not conquered. Beauty ensign yet.

Is crimson in thy lips and in thy cheeks."

Romeo thinks that Juliet's dead, but the irony of it is that she is still alive because of the potion that she was given to drink by Friar Laurence.

2. Highlight line 167. What does Juliet realize about the situation?

"What's here? A cup, closed in my true love's hand?

Juliet realizes that her husband has drank poison and killed himself and did not leave any for her to drink.

3. Highlight lines 169-170. Explain the lines.

"To help me after? I will kiss thy lips.

Haply some poison yet doth hang on them

To make me die with a restorative."