**Romeo and Juliet – Answers Act 2**

**ACT 2 SCENE 2**

1. Juliet is on the balcony outside her bedroom but cannot hear the words that Romeo says to himself as he looks at her from the hiding place below. Answer the following questions about lines 2-25:

a. Romeo repeats the light and dark images he introduced when he saw Juliet for the first time. Why does Romeo compare Juliet to the sun?

Romeo compares to Juliet to the sun because Juliet is the new found love that Romeo has found and she is the best thing in his life right now.

b. Why does he want the sun to kill the envious moon?

Romeo wants the sun, Juliet to kill the envious moon, Rosaline because Romeo wants to get over her and fall completely in love with Juliet.

c. Why is the moon envious?

The moon is envious because it is compared to Rosaline's face.

d. Why does he compare Juliet’s eyes to the stars?

Romeo compares Juliet's eyes to the stars because her beauteous eyes glisten in the moonlight like stars.

e. Why is this comparison to stars another example of foreshadowing?

It foreshadows that their destinies will soon be intertwined together.

2. Highlight lines 33-36. Juliet is still unaware that Romeo is nearby. Paraphrase these lines.

Oh Romeo, oh Romeo, why are you Romeo?

Rebel against my father and change your name

Or, if you will not, swear your love to me

I shall no longer be a Capulet.

3. Highlight lines 43-44. Paraphrase lines 38-49. What is Juliet’s attitude toward the feud that has separated the two families?

Juliet's attitude towards the feud is that she does not care for what a person's last name is, but for what they are instead.

They're name is of our enemy

You are yourself, not a Montague,

What's a Montague? It's not a hand or foot

Not arm, face or any other part

It belongs to a man. Please have another surname.

What's in a beautiful name?

Any name could sound as sweet.

So Romeo, you would not be called Romeo.

Stay your perfect-self

Without that last name, you are simply Romeo.

Take me.

4. After Juliet asks some pertinent questions (lines 58-84), she realizes that Romeo has overheard her intimate thoughts about him. How does her attitude change in lines 85-105? What is she worried about?

Her attitude towards what she said before changes because she now knows that Romeo heard her expressing her love to him and she is now worried that things are going at too fast of a pace for her.

5. Why does Juliet object to Romeo’s swearing on the moon (lines 109-111)?

Because the moon is a very inconstant thing to swear on, due to it's changing every month.

6. Juliet speaks of her fears in lines 116-119. Explain.

Juliet fears that as soon as Romeo and her get married, something bad would happen to them (meaning their relationship will end)

7. Paraphrase lines 142-148.

Only to be generous and give it to you once more.

I Wish I had the for something that I have

My generosity to you is limitless as the

Sea, and my love is as deep The more love I

Give you, the more I have. Both loves are infinite.

I hear some noise within. Dear love, farewell.

**ACT 2 SCENE 3**

1. Friar Laurence is introduced in a lengthy soliloquy in which he philosophies about nature and about mankind. Paraphrase his speech (lines 7-30).

The grey-eyed morning smiles reflect on the frowning night

Darkness is getting out of the suns path like a drunk man.

Before the bright sun comes out and burns everything away,

I have to pull all the plants and fill my basket.

The Earth is nature’s mother and also nature’s tomb.

There are many plants that come into this world

What's killing nature is the children.

Different types of children.

Earth provides children with many things that help them.

There are many powerful things that lie in

Herbs, plants, and stones have true qualities

Nothing is so evil that the earth can live

The earth can also give greatness

There is nothing that can turn bad unless

It is used in an incorrectly put manner

Virtue turns to vice if it’s misused.

Vice sometimes becomes virtue

2. What does Romeo tell Friar Laurence, and what does he want from the Friar (lines 43-64)?

Romeo tells Friar Laurence that he have moved on from Rosaline, and has now moved on to loving Juliet and wish to be wed on that day in his cell.

3. What is Friar Laurence’s reaction to hearing of Romeo’s new love (lines 65-80)

Friar Laurence's rection was a surprised reaction because Romeo moved on from being in love with Rosaline to falling deeply in love with juliet and making plans to be wed so soon. "Young men's love then lies not truly in their hearts, but in their eyes."

4. Highlight lines 89-92. What reason does Friar Laurence give for agreeing to marry Romeo and Juliet?In one respect I'll thy assistant be;

For this alliance may so happy prove,

To turn your households' rancour to pure love.

Friar Laurence agrees to wed these two new lovers because he feels that if they were wed that the feud between the two families would end.

**ACT 2 SCENE 4**

1. This scene shows us more of the nurse’s character as she trades quips and puns with Mercutio. What malapropisms (an inappropriateness of speech resulting from the use of one word for another which resembles it) does the nurse use (line 115)?

The nurse says, "...I desire some confidence with you." but what she really means is "conference".

2. What message does Romeo urge the nurse to give to Juliet (lines 163-166)?

Romeo requests that the nurse tell Juliet that they are to be wed at Friar Laurence's cell later tonight.

**ACT 2 SCENE 5**

1. Juliet is very impatient to hear news from Romeo (lines 1-17). What images does she use in her soliloquy to express this?

"And therefore hath the wind-swift Cupid wings"

"Now is the sun upon the high high-most hill"

"Of this days journey, and from the nine to twelve is three hours long, yet she has not come."

2. The nurse knows Juliet is impatient, but she keeps putting her off. Why does the nurse do this?

The Nurse does not tell Juliet what Romeo had told her to tell her because she has had a very long day and was very tired because of the harassment that Mercutio was giving her.

3. Why does the Nurse agree to help Juliet marry Romeo

The nurse agrees to assist in the marriage of Romeo and Juliet because the nurse is like a mother to Juliet and she wants what is best for her.