Act Two

Scene I

1. What is the purpose of this brief scene?
2. Do Romeo’s friends know that Romeo has fallen in love with Juliet? How do you know?

Scene II

1. According to Romeo, why is the moon “sick and pale with grief”?
2. How do Romeo and Juliet feel about their respective last names?
3. Cite lines that show Juliet is less impulsive than Romeo.
4. Who brings up the idea of marriage?
5. According to Romeo’s last words in this scene, where do you think the next scene will take place?

Scene III

1. Why does Friar Laurence think Romeo has “sinned”?
2. Explain what Friar Laurence meant by, “Young men’s love then lies/ Not truly in their hearts but in their eyes.”

Do you agree?

1. Why did Friar Laurence agree to marry Romeo and Juliet? Cite the lines that tell you.
2. What advice does the Friar give Romeo at the end of the scene?

Does Romeo seem likely to take his friend’s advice?

Scene IV

1. How do you know that Tybalt is still angry?
2. Romeo does not tell his friends about Juliet. What does this silence reveal about him?
3. Why does Shakespeare include this humorous scene with Nurse?
4. What instructions does Romeo give Nurse?
5. Can Nurse be trusted not to tell Juliet’s parents? Do you think she **should** tell them?

Scene V

1. Why is Juliet worried and frustrated at the beginning of the scene?
2. When Nurse arrives, how does she act?
3. How does Nurse seem to feel about the marriage?

Scene VI

1. Find a line that expresses a feeling of foreboding.
2. What advice does the Friar give Romeo about love? Cite the lines.
3. How soon after the meeting one another have Romeo and Juliet married?
4. What do you think would have happened if Friar Laurence had told Lord Capulet as soon as he learned that Romeo wanted to marry Juliet?