

Name _____ Date _____ Who Needs To Die? _____

Romeo and Juliet Act Three

Answer the questions below **in complete sentences.**

Scene 1

1. Why does Mercutio say that Benvolio is quick to pick a fight? _____

2. Why does Mercutio immediately antagonize Tybalt? _____

3. Why does Mercutio draw his sword against Tybalt? _____

4. Why does Mercutio curse both families? How are both families responsible for his demise? _____

5. Why does Romeo call himself “fortune’s fool”? _____

6. Why doesn’t Lady Capulet believe Benvolio’s account of the events? _____

7. What does the Prince decree will happen to Romeo? Why does Romeo escape a death penalty? _____

Scene 2

8. Why is Juliet so anxious? What is she waiting for? _____

9. Why does Shakespeare create confusion for Juliet in her speech with the nurse? What does this provide for the play? _____

10. What is Juliet’s initial response to the news that Romeo killed Tybalt? Why does she use so many paradoxes? _____

11. How does Juliet describe her sorrow over Romeo's banishment? _____

12. What does Juliet say that makes Nurse agree to go find Romeo? _____

Scene 3

13. How are Romeo and Juliet's reactions similar? _____

14. Summarize Friar Laurence's speech that he makes to stop Romeo from stabbing himself. _____

Scene 4

15. What does Capulet tell his wife to say to Juliet? _____

Scene 5

16. Why is Juliet trying to convince Romeo that they heard a nightingale? _____

17. What is the last thing Juliet says to Romeo as he leaves? What does it mean? _____

18. How does Juliet use double meanings to talk about Romeo with her mother? _____

19. How does Capulet respond to Juliet's refusal to marry Paris? _____

20. What is Nurse's advice to Juliet? How does she respond to the advice? _____

Act Three Overall

15. Romeo and Juliet have both threatened suicide when confronted with bad news. What do these reactions say about them? How does this change your view of the play as a whole? _____
