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? ______________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________