Act IV Worksheet - Romeo and Juliet.

1. At the beginning of Act IV, Paris is at Friar Laurence’s cell making plans for wedding between he and Juliet. How does Juliet speak to him to avoid suspicion of how she really feels?

2. With as many details as possible, explain Friar Laurence’s plan for Juliet to escape having to marry Paris.

3. What are at least TWO fears Juliet has before drinking the potion from Friar Laurence?

4. Describe the behavior of Lord Capulet in Act IV up until the time when he finds Juliet “dead”.

5. When Capulet says the following, what does it show about him and his feelings?
   Capulet - “Despised, distressed, hated, martyred, killed! Uncomfortable time, why camest thou now To murder, murder our solemnity?”

6. Read the following, and discuss how Paris’ view of Juliet’s death seems different than Capulet’s view. Discuss the differences.
   Paris - “Beguiled, divorced, wronged, spited, slain! Most detestable Death, by thee beguiled, By cruel, cruel thee quite overthrown! O love! O life! not life, but love in death.”

7. What does Friar Laurence explain to Juliet’s family? Why is it ironic that Friar Laurence should say these things to Juliet’s family?

8. Where is comic relief in this act? Is it necessary?