Tragic Love: An Introduction to *Romeo and Juliet* Notes

**Part I: *Romeo and Juliet*: Summary**

**A family feud**

- The story takes place in ________________, Italy, in the late ________________s.
- The ________________ and the ________________, have been fighting for several years.
- The ________________ throw a big party.
- ________________ Montague wants to go to the party to see Rosaline, a girl he likes. Because of the feud, his family is not invited. He dresses in costume and sneaks in anyway.

**Falling in love**

- Romeo sees a girl, ________________, and falls in love. Soon he finds out that she is a ________________.
- Juliet sees ________________ and falls in love with him, too. She has no idea that he is a member of the ________________ family.
- Juliet learns that Romeo is a _________________. She goes out on her balcony to talk to the stars about her love for _________________.
- ____________ hears her and tells her he feels the same.

**A secret marriage**

- The next day Romeo and Juliet are ________________ secretly by Romeo’s friend _________________.

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**A fight**

- The same day that Romeo and Juliet are _______________, Romeo's cousin Benvolio and his best friend, ________________, get into a fight with Juliet’s cousin Tybalt.
- _______________ is mad at Romeo for coming to the Capulets’ party, so he starts a fight with Benvolio and Mercutio.
- _____________ shows up. He does not want to fight Tybalt because he is married to ________________, but he cannot tell anyone.
- Romeo’s friends don’t understand why Romeo won’t fight so ________________ fights Tybalt instead. ________________ kills Mercutio.
- Romeo is ________________ and kills ________________.

**A banishment**

- The _______________ of Verona tells Romeo that he must ____________ the city forever and never come back.
- Juliet is very sad because ________________ is gone.

**A match-making father**

- Juliet's ________________, who doesn’t know that Juliet is already married to Romeo, decides to marry her to a man named ________________.
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**A desperate plan**
- Juliet goes to ________________________ for help.
- He gives her a potion to drink that will make her look ________________________, even though she really will just be sleeping.
- The Friar says he will tell ________________ to come get her from the family ______________.

**Some deadly gossip**
- Before the ______________ can tell ______________ that ______________ is not really dead, Romeo gets a message from a friend that ______________ is dead in Verona.
- Romeo wants to die beside his wife, so he buys ______________ and goes to Juliet's tomb.
- At the door of the ______________, Romeo fights and kills ______________.

**The deaths of Romeo and Juliet**
- Inside the tomb, Romeo drinks the ______________ and dies next to ______________.
- One minute later, ______________ wakes up and sees Romeo ______________ next to her.
- Friar Lawrence comes into the ______________ and tells Juliet what happened.
- Juliet takes Romeo’s ______________ and kills herself.
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**A lesson learned:**
- The Montagues and Capulets learn a lesson from the ____________ of their children. They agree to never ________________ again.

**Romeo and Juliet Today**

- Why do we read *Romeo and Juliet* today?
- How does the story connect to the lives of teenagers today?

**Part II: TRAGEDY**

- *Romeo and Juliet* is a ________________.
- Definition: a dramatic work that has a serious or ____________ theme. It has a character that has many ____________ or weaknesses. A tragedy usually ends with the ______________ of the _________ characters.

**Examples of Tragedy**

- Examples of tragedy in our everyday life:
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### Thinking about Tragedy
- What T.V. shows or movies show a tragedy?
- How does real tragedy affect people’s lives?

### Tragic Love?
- You just learned the definition of tragedy. *Romeo and Juliet* is considered a “tragic love story.” How would you define “tragic love”?
- How does tragic love affect teenagers today?