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9th Grade Lit/Comp - Rumfelt
Romeo and Juliet, Act 1.4-5

UNDERSTANDING THE PLAY

Act One, Scene 4

1. What does Mercutio suggest that Romeo do at the party? How does Romeo answer?

2. Mercutio doesn't say directly that Romeo should not pay attention to his dream, but he does say several things that show why he thinks dreams are not trustworthy. What are these?

3. In his "Queen Mab" speech, Mercutio voices some interesting opinions about dreams.

- a. List four adjectives that describe Queen Mab.

- b. According to Mercutio, what do the following people dream of:

Lovers dream of _____

Courtiers (first mention) dream of _____

Lawyers dream of _____

Ladies dream of _____

Courtiers (second mention) dream of _____

A parson dreams of _____

A soldier dreams of _____

4. Is Queen Mab the queen of good dreams, nightmares or both? Explain.

5. What does Romeo believe as a result of his dream?

6. Give at least two reasons that help explain Romeo's mixed feelings as he goes to the party.

7. What does Romeo's final comment, "But He that hath the steerage of my course/Direct my sail?" mean?

Act One, Scene 5

8. How does Capulet first react to the presence of the maskers?

9. According to Romeo, how does Juliet make the other ladies in the room look? What does he plan to do?

10. Who recognizes Romeo, and how?

11. What does Capulet suggest Tybalt do? Why?

12. How does Tybalt respond to Capulet?

13. What happens when Romeo and Juliet speak for the first time?

14. How does Romeo learn who Juliet is? What is his response?

15. How does Juliet disguise her particular interest in Romeo? What is her response?
