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*9<sup>th</sup> Grade Lit/Comp - Rumpfelt*  
*Romeo and Juliet—ACT 3.1 Study Guide*

1. What three reasons does Benvolio give for retiring?
2. What does Mercutio say about Benvolio's character? From what you have observed, is this true? Explain.
3. What do Mercutio's answers to Tybalt show about Mercutio's character?
4. Why doesn't Romeo rise to Tybalt's bait?
5. What reason does Mercutio give for interfering in Romeo and Tybalt's quarrel?
6. How does Romeo try to stop the fight?
7. What is the result of Romeo's interference?
8. Why does Romeo rebuke himself in lines 106-112?
9. What does Romeo predict for the future after learning of Mercutio's death? How does this prophecy immediately come true?
10. What reasons does Benvolio give to convince Romeo to run away?
11. Is Benvolio's account of the fighting entirely accurate? Explain your answer.
12. How do you know that it's true that Romeo "but newly entertained revenge"?
13. What is Lady Capulet's immediate reaction to Benvolio's testimony?
  - a. According to Lady Capulet, what really happened?
  - b. What can you conclude about Lady Capulet from her statements?
14. Explain the meaning of the line: "His fault concludes but what the law should end./The life of Tybalt" (lines 185-186).
15. How does the Prince's punishment differ from the punishment he threatened in Act One, Scene 1?
  - a. The Prince states the principle behind his action in line 198. What does it mean?
  - b. Do you think the Prince believed Benvolio? Why?