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9TH GRADE LIT/COMP

Pre-Writing for Exam Essay – *Romeo and Juliet*

I. FATE VS. HUMAN ERROR

On the space next to each event listed below, write HUMAN if you think the event was caused mostly by human influence or FATE if the event seemed to be caused mostly by fate.

1. Romeo receives the news that Juliet is dead. _____
2. Romeo buys poison. _____
3. The friar's message does not reach Romeo. _____
4. Paris and Romeo meet at Juliet's tomb. _____
5. Romeo kills Paris. _____
6. Romeo swallows the poison. _____
7. Juliet stabs herself with Romeo's dagger. _____
8. Friar Laurence tells the truth to all. _____
9. Capulet and Montague end the feud. _____

** Based on these examples and any others you can find, decide whether you think FATE or HUMAN ERROR is to blame for the tragedy.

** Choose ONE of the events above and explain in a paragraph why you think it's FATE or HUMAN ERROR.

II. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Toward the end of Act Five, Scene 3, you learn that several characters feel responsible for the final tragedy. Use the space below to make a list of your ideas about who might be most responsible for the events in the play.

1. Prince Escalus

2. The Capulets and Montagues

3. Romeo and/or Juliet

4. The Nurse

5. Friar Laurence

Now, find evidence in the play to support your ideas. You should find two quotations per character to show how they were involved in the events in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Character	Quotations to Support
Prince Escalus	
The Capulets and Montagues	
Romeo and/or Juliet	
The Nurse	
Friar Laurence	

