

Romeo and Juliet: Act I Writing Assignment

Directions: Choose from one of the following summary options for Act I. No matter which option you choose, your response should be about a page in length and should reflect what you've learned in Act I. Your response should include a properly formatted MLA heading and can be typed or handwritten (if handwritten, make sure it's legible).



ROSALINE'S DIARY

Until he sees Juliet, Romeo believes he is in love with Rosaline. Imagine you are Rosaline. Write a few entries in Rosaline's diary. How does she feel about Romeo's infatuation with her? What does she say to Romeo in an attempt to keep him at a distance (review I,i where Romeo tells Benvolio about her). How does she feel about Romeo not "getting the hint"? What is she thinking when she first sees him at the Capulet party?



WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

Even way back in Shakespeare's time, people relied on others to stay informed. Imagine you are an editor for *The Verona Times*, Verona's main newspaper. Your job is to write brief headlines and a 1-2 sentence summary for each of the five scenes in Act I – headlines that both memorable and summaries that are briefly informative. Make your headlines & summaries as accurate as possible, and try to incorporate some of Shakespeare's own words.



A HOTHEAD'S POINT OF VIEW

Tybalt leaves the Capulet party well before it's over. Imagine you are Tybalt, and you've left the party and joined up with some of your friends, who are curious about your mood. Tell your friends the story about Capulet's party, how you were treated by Capulet before you stormed out, your recent experience with the Montagues, and your thoughts about your uncle's behavior at the party and his belief that peace can be kept between the two families.



REPORTING THE STORY

Shakespeare's Verona certainly didn't have television, but let's pretend!! You have been sent by your television station (make up a name) to report on the Capulet party. Your news editor reminds you, "Don't forget to interview the staff – they're the ones who really know what's going on. You're being given a 2-3 minute "slot" in the next day's newscast. Prepare your report.