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Answer these questions about Act II, scene ii – the Balcony Scene
1. Juliet is on the balcony outside her bedroom but cannot hear the words that Romeo says to himself as he looks at her from the hiding place below. In his opening lines of his soliloquy , Romeo uses a metaphor . To what does he compare Juliet?
*2. Juliet is still unaware that Romeo is nearby when she speaks her lines "Oh, Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?" Paraphrase these lines (starting around line 35) — what is it Juliet is saying here?
*3. When Juliet speaks her famous lines starting with "What's in a name?", what is it that Juliet says about Romeo? What is it she wants Romeo to do?
4. Explain why Juliet objects to Romeo's swearing on the moon ("O, swear not by the moon…").
*5. In this scene, there's some more Foreshadowing going on. Both Romeo and Juliet express some fear they have about the situation and what's going on. Review the scene. What fear does <u>each</u> express?
Juliet:
Romeo:
6. What plan do Romeo and Juliet make at the end of the scene?