

Notebook Check 1  
ROMEO AND JULIET Act IV Reading Guide

**I. LITERARY ELEMENTS:** Define the following literary elements.

1. Dramatic Irony: **situation, speech, etc, is understood by the audience, but not by the characters in a play**  
Example: **The audience knows Juliet is not dead, but the other characters do not.**
2. Comic Relief: **humorous character, scene, or witty dialogue in an otherwise serious work, often to relieve tension**  
Example: **The preparations for Juliet's wedding are humorous.**
3. Puns: **a play on words**  
Example: **"Loggerhead" (Scene 4)**

**III. QUESTIONS:** Answer the following questions.

**Scene 1:**

1. Why is Friar Laurence reluctant to marry Paris to Juliet? **He know Juliet is already married to Romeo**
2. How does Paris explain the sudden haste of the marriage plans? **To help Juliet get over Tybalt's death.**
3. What is ironic about the conversation between Juliet and Paris? **He thinks that she is playing hard to get but the audience knows that she is not playing.**
4. If Friar Laurence cannot help her, what does Juliet threaten to do? **Kill herself**
5. Why does Friar Laurence think that Juliet will accept his plan? **She is desperate and will try anything**
6. Describe the friar's plan for Juliet. **Here is a vial to drink that will make you appear to be dead for 42 hours, Friar will let Romeo know what's going on , he'll come get Juliet from the tomb, and they can live together in Mantua.**

**Scene 2:**

7. What does Juliet say that makes her father happy? **She has gone to confession and she will marry Paris.**
8. How does Capulet change the wedding plans? What implication does this have? **He moves the wedding from Thursday to Wednesday—all of the plans are now pushed up—will Romeo get the news?**

**Scene 3:**

9. How does Juliet show her maturity and independence in this scene? **She asks to be by herself, and she tells her mother goodbye. She recognizes that she has to do things alone.**
10. If the potion does not work, what will Juliet do? **She will stab herself**
11. What are some of the fears Juliet has about the potion? **1. She is afraid that it won't work (she will stab herself) 2. She is afraid that the friar is trying to poison her 3. She is afraid that she will wake up early in the tomb alone and go crazy**

**Scene 4:**

12. What is happening in this brief scene? **They are making wedding preparations**

**Scene 5:**

13. Describe the imagery Shakespeare uses in describing Juliet's "death"? **she is like a beautiful flower killed in an untimely frost.**
14. What does Friar Laurence say to comfort the Capulet family? **He says that heaven has her and she is in a better place.**
15. What event are the Capulet's now preparing for? **A funeral**

Who Said it in Act IV?	
<p>“The roses in thy lips and cheeks shall fade to wanny ashes, they eyes’ windows fall like death when he shuts up the day of life...”</p>	Friar Lawrence
<p>“ My heart is wondrous light, since this same wayward girl is so reclaimed.”</p>	Capulet
<p>“I have a faint cold fear thrills through my veins that almost freezes up the heat of life.”</p>	Juliet
<p>“Death lies on her like an untimely frost upon the sweetest flower of all the field.”</p>	Capulet
<p>“O day, O day, O day! O hateful day! Never was seen so black a day as this. O woeful day! O woeful day!”</p>	Nurse

### Act IV Timeline

Act 4	<p>TUESDAY MORNING</p> <p>Juliet refuses Paris</p>	<p>TUESDAY NOON</p> <p>The Friar explains how Juliet can escape from her coming marriage to Paris</p>	<p>TUESDAY NIGHT</p> <p>Later that night, alone in her room, Juliet takes the potion</p>	<p>EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING</p> <p>The nurse discovers Juliet’s “dead” body</p>
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# Notebook Check 2

## ROMEO AND JULIET Act V Reading Guide

**I. LITERARY TERMS:** Define each term. Be sure you can identify them in the text.

1. Tragedy: a play dealing with tragic events and having an unhappy ending, especially concerning the downfall of the main character
2. Fate: the development of events beyond a person's control, regarded as determined by a supernatural power
3. Motive: something that causes a person to act in a certain way, do a certain thing

**III. QUESTIONS:** Answer the following questions.

### Scene 1:

1. What news does Balthasar bring Romeo? **Juliet is dead**
2. What does Romeo mean when he says, "Then I defy you, stars!"? **Going against his fate—fate wants him to live without Juliet—he has other plans.**
3. What actions does Balthasar's news prompt Romeo to do? **Buy poison from the apothecary**

### Scene 2:

4. What does Friar John tell Friar Laurence? **That he could not deliver the letter; the plague prevented him from going on and he couldn't send a messenger because they didn't want him to spread disease.**
5. After hearing this news from Friar John, what does Friar Laurence intend to do? **He asks for a crowbar to break into Juliet's tomb.**

### Scene 3:

6. Why is Paris at Juliet's tomb? **To bring flowers to her grave**
7. Romeo gives Balthasar two reasons for entering the Capulet's tomb. What are those two reasons? **to see her face, to get a ring off her finger.**
8. Why does Paris think that Romeo has come to the tomb? **To commit crimes against the dead bodies, to deface the Capulet tomb.**
9. Paraphrase: **Answers will vary. See the modern adaptation for guidance.**

**Summary:**

**Speakers:**

**Stage Directions:**

10. What is it about Juliet that should have told Romeo that she was not dead? **her red lips and her rosy cheeks**
11. Why doesn't Friar Laurence stay in the tomb with Juliet after she awakens? **Paris and Romeo are dead and the watch is coming**
12. Paraphrase: **Answers will vary. See modern adaptation for guidance.**

**Summary:**

**Speakers:**

**Stage directions:**

12. Why does Juliet kiss Romeo after he is dead? **She is hoping there is still poison on his lips**

12. When Montague first arrives on the scene, what does he tell those gathered? **His wife has dies that night from sadness.**

13. Relate the events that lead to Romeo and Juliet’s death as they are told by Friar Laurence near the play’s end. Romeo & Juliet were husband & wife.

**I married them right before Tybalt died forcing Romeo to be banished and leave his wife. Juliet was crying over Romeo’s banishment, not Tybalt’s death. After Lord Capulet tried to make her marry Paris, Juliet came to me for a way out or she would have killed herself. I gave her a sleeping potion to make her seem dead.**

**She was supposed to awake and go with Romeo to Mantua. Romeo heard that Juliet was dead, but not of this plan. He came to see Juliet’s “dead” body and to die with her. He drank poison before Juliet awoke. Juliet stabbed herself after seeing Romeo dead.**

14. What information does Romeo’s letter give? **describes the course of their love, how he received the news of her death, and how he got poison from the poor apothecary to kill himself in order to be with Juliet.**

15. How do Montague and Capulet plan to honor the memories of their children? **They will raise statues in honor of the other’s children.**

## ROMEO AND JULIET ACT V Character Quotes

Quote	Who Said It?
“O comfortable friar! where is my lord? I do remember well where I should be, And there I am. Where is my Romeo?(155)”	<b>Juliet</b> Act 5, Scene 3; Lines 153-155
“Is it e'en so? Then I defy you, stars! Thou knowest my lodging. Get me ink and paper(25) And hire posthorses. I will hence to-night.”	<b>Romeo</b> Act 5, Scene 1; Lines 24-26
“Unhappy fortune! By my brotherhood, The letter was not <u>nice</u> , but full of charge, Of dear <u>import</u> ; and the neglecting it May do much danger. Friar John, go hence,(20) Get me an iron crow and bring it straight Unto my cell.”	<b>Friar Laurence</b> Act 5, Scene 2; Lines 17-22
“This is that banish'd haughty Montague That murdered my love's cousin—with which grief(50) It is supposed the fair creature died—“	<b>Paris</b> Act 5, Scene 3; Line 49-51
“As I remember, this should be the house. Being holiday, the beggar's shop is shut. What, ho! <u>apothecary</u> !”	<b>Romeo</b> Act 5, Scene 1; Lines 57-59

### Act V Timeline

Act 5	<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY LATE AT NIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Juliet’s tomb, a despairing Romeo takes poison...as Juliet awakens. The star-crossed lovers are united at last in death.</b></p>
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# Notebook Check 3 Analyzing Theme/ Decision Making in Romeo and Juliet

Examine the situations below and list other choices that Romeo or Juliet could have made. In the third column, list the results of their actual choices.

Situation and Choice	Character's Other Options Possible answers include-	Direct Result of Character's Choice
Tybalt challenges Romeo to a duel. Romeo refuses to fight and then tries to prevent Mercutio and Tybalt from killing each other	Romeo could have: Explained to them why he wouldn't fight.	Tybalt kills Mercutio and Romeo kills Tybalt for revenge.
Juliet is told that she must marry Paris. To prevent this, Juliet follows the Friar's advice and fakes her own death.	Juliet could have: Admitted to her parents that she was already married. Confided in the nurse.	Romeo does not get the news that Juliet is not really dead.
Romeo hears a report of Juliet's death. He rushes to her tomb to commit suicide.	Romeo could have: Asked someone else if the report was true. Waited to see if she was alive. Honored their love by living his life after her death.	Upon waking up, Juliet commits suicide after finding Romeo dead.

After examining Romeo and Juliet's decisions, what pattern or consistent course of action do you notice?

Acting in haste or making decisions based on emotional responses. The characters lack adequate communication skills necessary to make good decisions and maintain healthy relationships.

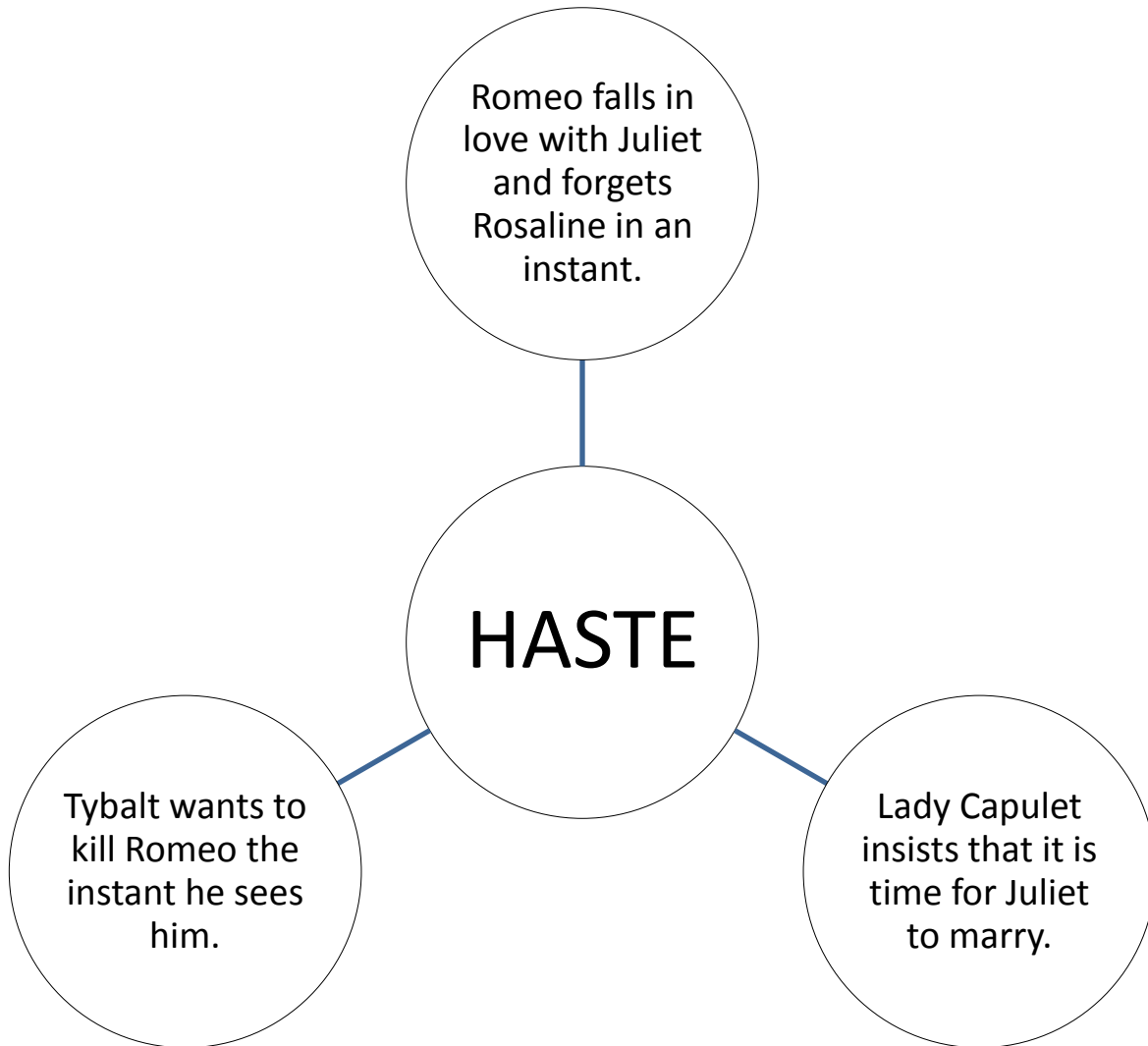
Do you think that Romeo and Juliet are in part responsible for the tragedy that befalls them? Explain.

Answers will vary.

## Theme

To understand what insight about haste or urgency can be found in the play, add four additional examples of characters speaking or acting hastily to the cluster.

Review your details, then write a single sentence that expresses Shakespeare's theme about haste in *Romeo and Juliet*.



What do the characters think and say about love? How does their haste affect the action and the outcome of the play.

Write the theme about haste below.

Answers will vary: Hasty decisions result in poor outcomes.

## Notebook Check 4 Journal Entries

Answers will vary but should be thorough and written in complete and correct sentences.

## Notebook Check 5 The Court of Verona: Some Shall Be Punished

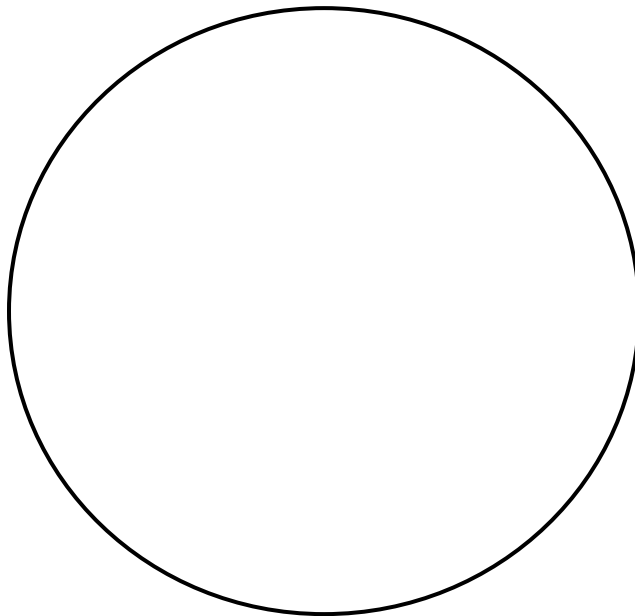
In the last speech of the play, the Prince announces that “some shall be pardon’d, and some punished.” Soon the day of reckoning will come, and the Prince has ordered that all in Verona prepare for testimony that answers the question: who killed Romeo and Juliet?

**Step 1:** Brainstorm a list of all who played a role in Romeo and Juliet’s death and why they have responsibility.

**Answers will vary, but possibilities include: Romeo, Juliet, Friar Lawrence, Nurse, Society,**

**Step 2:** Create a pie chart in the circle below indicating what proportion of the responsibility for The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet you would assign to fate and what proportions you would assign to Romeo, Juliet, and other characters.

**Answers will vary.**



**Step 3:** After hearing all of the evidence presented, who do you feel is the most to blame for the outcome and why? Be thorough.

**Answers will vary.**

## Notebook Check 6 The Eulogy Project

**Answers will vary**