

# *Romeo and Juliet*

## Study Guide

As you read through, check off anything you're sure you know.

# Get extra credit!

- Every slide after this one has a question near the bottom. Answer every question correctly and turn it in BEFORE the test to earn extra credit.
- The question will be marked with a \*\*.

# ❑ What you need to know...

## ❑ Basic stuff:

❑ Know the name of *Romeo and Juliet's* author.

❑ Know the name of this author's first theatre.

## ❑ Vocabulary

❑ Define the following words:

Drama

Tragedy

Catharsis

\*\* What is the difference between "theatre" and "theater"?

# ☐ More facts to know...

## ☐ Vocabulary, continued:

☐ Define these words, too...

Tragic Flaw

Tragic Hero

☐ Know the names of the two families who are fighting in the play.

\*\* Describe two advantages of having a permanent theatre instead of using a wagon as a stage.

# ☐ Things you should understand...

- ☐ What is Romeo's "tragic flaw"?
- ☐ Why does Friar Laurence decide to let Romeo and Juliet get married?
- ☐ Why does Mercutio fight Tybalt?
- ☐ Why do Mercutio's friends laugh at him as he dies?

\*\* Why does Juliet's father hesitate before letting Paris marry Juliet?

# ☐ Characters to remember...

☐ Know who is on whose side!

☐ Capulets

☐ Juliet

☐ Juliet's parents, Capulet and Lady Capulet

☐ Juliet's cousin, Tybalt

\*\* How many Capulets die in the play?

# ☐ Characters to remember...

☐ Know who is on whose side!

☐ Montagues

☐ Romeo

☐ Romeo's parents, Montague and Lady Montague

☐ Romeo's cousin, Benvolio

\*\* How many Montagues die in the play?

# ☐ Characters to remember...

## ☐ Friends of the Capulet family

- ☐ Juliet's Nurse

- ☐ Paris (who wants to marry Juliet)

## ☐ Friends of the Montague family

- ☐ Balthasar (Romeo's servant)

- ☐ Mercutio (Romeo's best friend)

\*\* Who is related to Mercutio?

# ☐ Characters to remember...

- ☐ People who are not on either side
  - ☐ The Prince
  - ☐ Friar Laurence
  - ☐ Rosaline

\*\* Who is Rosaline?

# ❑ Iambic Pentameter

❑ Look at the phrase: Iambic Pentameter

❑ "Iamb"

❑ A pair of syllables that have the emphasis on the second one... like "da DUM"

❑ "Pent"

❑ Means "five," like in "PENTagon" (five sides)

❑ "Meter"

❑ Means "measure"

\*\* What are some words that are iambs?

# □ Iambic Pentameter

- So, Iambic Pentameter is a line that is “measured” in “five” “iambs”!
- In other words, it sounds like this:
  - daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM
- Sometimes it might change around a little...
  - DUMda daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM

\*\* Which rhythm fits “Someone raise your hand and answer me”?

# □ Iambic Pentameter

□ Read this line out loud (“Cassius” is pronounced like “cash-us”)...

□ Yon Cassius has a lean and hungry look.

□ Hear the rhythm?

(yon-CASH us-HAS a-LEAN and-HUN gry-LOOK)

\*\* Split this line into iambs:

“He thinks too much; such men are dangerous.”