Act 1, scene 1

### Prologue

1. Complete the following chart with details from the prologue:

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| Who: |  |
| Where: |  |
| Why: |  |
| What: |  |
| What happened as a result: |  |
| Who’s to blame? |  |

1. Two of the main themes in this play are introduced in the Prologue: love and death, and the role of fate.
   1. Find a quotation that links love and death together.
   2. Find a quotation that introduces the role of fate.
2. What’s the point of the Prologue?

### The Feud - lines 1 – 102

The entire play is set against the background of this feud – so what’s the deal with it?

1. Explain the feud in your own words. Include: how it began/what caused it, how long it’s been going on for, and impact it has had on the citizens of Verona.
2. Complete the following chart comparing the “blame” placed on the Montagues and the Capulets.

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| Reasons why Montagues are to blame: | Reasons why Capulets are the blame: |
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| Who’s to blame and why? | |

### Intro to Romeo - lines 103 – end

1. Describe Romeo’s character.
2. How does he contrast the rest of his family?
3. Romeo describes the two sides of love in this scene (169-181, 183-193). In your own words, explain what the two sides to love are.
4. Do you think this is a positive picture of love, or a negative one? Why?