*Romeo and Juliet* Theme Chart (aka cheat sheet)

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| Topics: | Act 1 – examples and key quotations | Act 2 & 3 – examples and key quotations | Act 4 & 5 – examples and key quotations |
| **The feud – how people suffer as a result of it**  Consider:   * The feud and how parallel characters emphasize it * Love and hate linked together * The duality of love – how it’s rough and kind at the same time * Connections between certain characters on each side * Romeo and Juliet – separated from the rest of their families * Romeo and Juliet’s love in connection with the feud * Other people affected by Romeo and Juliet’s love |  |  |  |
| Your theme statement, based on the evidence: | | | |
| **Romeo and Juliet’s love – true love or infatuation?**  Consider:   * Light and dark imagery * Religious metaphors * Things that prove they’re meant to be together * What happened as a result of their love (bigger picture, not just to them) * Other people they love |  |  |  |
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| **How fate is responsible for the outcome of the play**  Consider:   * Love and death linked together from the beginning * Foreshadowing and warnings * Times when they could have avoided their fate (decisions) * Times when fate seems to be taking over |  |  |  |
| **How people’s actions are responsible for the outcome of the play**  Consider:   * All the decisions made by each character 🡪 how it impacted what happens * Characters who know about Romeo and Juliet’s love and help them along * The feud and its role in the conclusion |  |  |  |
| Your theme statement, based on the evidence (fate or people’s actions): | | | |