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Act 4 Questions

**Directions:** Answer the following questions during your reading of Act 4 of Romeo and Juliet.

**Short Answer—**You must write at least two sentences for each answer.

1. Why is Friar Laurence reluctant to marry Paris to Juliet?
2. What is ironic about the conversation between Juliet and Paris?
3. Describe the Friar’s plan for Juliet.
4. Scene 2 is a humorous scene that appears between two dark scenes. How does Shakespeare use Scene 2 to affect the pace of Act 4?
5. Name three of the fears Juliet has about the potion.
6. Shakespeare uses a soliloquy in Scene 3 to reveal what about Juliet?
7. Describe the imagery Shakespeare uses in describing Juliet’s “death”?
8. Capulet grieves for Juliet because she was his only child. Why else might he grieve her loss?
9. In Scene 5, Friar Laurence tells the Capulets that it is better to die a young bride than it is to die after being a wife for many years. Why do you think he offers this observation?

**Extended Response**—You must write at least four sentences for each response.

1. How might you argue that Paris truly loves Juliet? (You need at least three examples.)
2. How do you think the Nurse and Friar Laurence could have behaved differently to change the course of events in Act 4? Use specific details to support your answer.