Act I, Scene i – Plot Guide

• The play opens with two gentlemen, ________________ and ________________ making terrible puns back and forth. They are both from the house of ________________.
• They hate anyone from the house of ________________.
• Gregory: “Draw thy tool! Here comes two of the house of Montagues”
• What do you think is going to happen next?

• ________________ and ________________ enter. They are from the house of Montague. Sampson “bites his thumb” at them.
• What would be a modern version of “biting your thumb?”

• Romeo’s cousin, ________________ enters and tries to stop the fighting.
• Juliet’s cousin, ________________ enters and insists on fighting.
• Thinking about word parts, what is the significance of Benvolio’s name?

• The Prince enters. He gives a speech revealing that there have been three ________________ between the Capulets and the Montagues. He then threatens that if “ever you disturb our streets again”, those fighting will ________________.
  He then asks Lord Capulet to come speak with him.
• Do you think the Prince will have to enforce his threat? Why?

• Lady Montague asks about her son ________________. Benvolio tells her that her son was not at the fight. He saw Romeo earlier that morning but Romeo ________________.
  Montague tells Benvolio that Romeo is often out all night and then during the day he ________________.
• Lord Montague: “Black and portentous must this humor prove, unless good counsel may the cause remove.”
• What is going on with Romeo? What do you think is causing him to act like this?

• How has Romeo been described so far? What do we know about him?
Act I, Scene i. – Continued

- Lord Montague asks Benvolio to find out what is going on with Romeo. Lord and Lady Montague both leave as Romeo enters. Benvolio finds out that the problem with Romeo is that he __________________________. Romeo says goodbye and tries to leave.
- Think back to the literary terms we’ve covered in this unit. How does Romeo describe love? __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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- Romeo informs Benvolio that he can’t be with his love.
- Why can’t Romeo be with his love? ________________________________________________________________________________
- What advice does Benvolio give to Romeo? How does he suggest Romeo “forget to think of her?” _____________________________

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Act I scene ii – Plot Guide

- The relative to the Prince, _______________________ and Lord Capulet start the scene by talking about the Prince’s threat. Paris then changes the subject. He wants to __________________________.
- Capulet seems to resist this at first but then tells Paris to “________________________.” He then invites Paris to a __________________________.
- How is Paris different from Romeo? ___________________________

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- Capulet sends a servant out to invite the guests but he doesn’t realize that the servant can’t __________________.
- The servant bumps into Romeo and ______________________. Romeo reads the guest list to/for the servant. Romeo and Benvolio both discover that Rosaline will be at Capulet’s feast.
- Who is Rosaline? _____________________________________________________________________________________________
- What does Benvolio suggest they do? Why? __________________________________________________________________________