

Read the following questions. Answer in full and complete sentences with a sufficient amount of detail and information to show and understanding of meaning. Respond on lined paper.

**PLOT:**

1. Discuss possible reasons for the shortness of most of the scenes in Act IV. How might this change the play when it is presented for an audience?
2. Discuss Friar Laurence's plan for avoiding Juliet's marriage to Paris and the problems in terms of the timing involved.
3. How does Capulet's changing of the wedding day from Thursday to Wednesday complicate the plot?
4. In your opinion, what is the most significant event that occurs within this Act? Explain your reasoning.

**CHARACTERS:**

1. Describe how Juliet's character has either changed or developed throughout Act IV.
2. In Act IV, scene v several characters display several different emotions, from sadness to humour. Explain how these different emotions may be realistic given the situation that has occurred.

**THEME:**

1. Identify examples and possible meanings of the crying and tears motif throughout Act IV.

**LITERARY AND DRAMATIC DEVICES**

1. Comment on the use of the flower images in Act IV, scene v.
2. Irony is used throughout Act IV, scenes iv and v. Comment and analyze the use of this irony and how it keeps the audience connected to the events within the play.

**WRITING RESPONSE:**

1. Write a suicide note, left by Juliet for her parents when she takes Friar Laurence's potion. Your note should clearly explain her feelings about the situation.
2. Write Juliet's obituary in the imaginary *Verona Times*. Look up sample obituaries online or in a newspaper for ideas on how they are written.