Romeo and Juliet Act 1

1. Why do Sampson and Gregory fight with Montague's men?

2. Benvolio and Tybalt come upon the servants fighting. Contrast their reactions to the fight.

3. When Montague and Capulet enter and see the disturbance, they want to fight, too. What do their wives say?

4. What ended the opening skirmish?

5. Why is Romeo so sad?

6. In Act I Scene ii, Paris asks Capulet for Juliet's hand in marriage. What is Capulet's reply?

7. Why is Capulet giving a feast?

8. How does Romeo find out about the feast, and why does he decide to go even though (being a Montague) he is not invited?

9. Describe Juliet's relationship with her family in Act I.

10. At the end of Act I Scene iv, what does Romeo tell Benvolio, foreshadowing future action in the play?

11. What does Romeo mean when he says, "Oh, dear account! My life is my foe's debt"?