

ROMEO & JULIET FINAL ESSAY PREP DOCUMENT

For your final *R+J* essay you will be asked to respond to a previous AP Literature Exam prompt.

Prompt: Critic Roland Barthes has said, “Literature is the question minus the answer.” After reading *Romeo & Juliet* and considering Barthes’ observation, write an essay in which you analyze a central question the play raises and the extent to which it offers any answers. Explain how the author’s treatment of this question affects your understanding of the work as a whole.

As we read, analyze, and discuss the play, use this document to track potential questions, evidence, and ideas for your essay and submit along with your final essay. Thorough, thoughtful completion of this document will prepare you to write your paper more effectively *and* efficiently.

CENTRAL QUESTIONS

As you read, identify potential central thematic questions as they emerge. No minimum number is required, but you want to give yourself options!

TKAM example: To what degree do individuals bear personal responsibility for addressing societal injustices?

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2)

3)

4)

5)

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7)

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Use these pages to keep track of quotations/evidence from the text that could provide useful support for your essay. Indicate the question with which the evidence aligns, the evidence itself (act.scene.line) and justification for how it could be used in an argument.

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IDEA COLLECTION

Use this space to record other essay-related thoughts and ideas as they come to you.