

Romeo & Juliet

Act II, scene ii – better known as “the balcony scene”

Focus questions

1. From last class: make sure you've made a list of all of the light (or day) images vs. dark (or night images) in this scene.
2. Between lines 1-32, what are some of the ways Romeo describes Juliet's beauty/
3. What does “O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?” mean?
4. In lines 38-48, what is Juliet saying about people's names?
5. What would happen to Romeo if Juliet's kinsmen found him there?
6. Explain what Juliet means in lines 84-88.
7. In lines 109-111, why does Juliet tell not to swear his love for her by the moon?
8. In lines 117-120, Juliet shows she is being more practical and wise than Romeo. What does she say?
9. What plan does Juliet devise for her and Romeo the following day?

10. Line 170: "I will not fail. 'Tis twenty years till then."

What figurative device is Juliet using here? _____

11. At the bottom of page 36, Juliet doesn't want Romeo to leave; what metaphor does she use to represent this.

12. Line 185: "...Parting is such sweet sorrow".

What does this oxymoron mean?