R & J Act 1.5 – Discussion/Study Questions

- 1. Describe the atmosphere at the beginning of the scene.
- 2. Which lines of Romeo's are spoken to himself? How would you make these moments private and personal, if you were directing this scene?
- 3. How does Romeo react when he sees Juliet for the first time?
- 4. To what is Romeo referring in the phrase "holy shrine"?
- 5. How does Romeo "profane" Juliet's hand? What might *profane* mean in this context?
- 6. For what reasons does Romeo claim that he has "profane[d]" Juliet's hand?
- 7. How does Shakespeare use figurative language to describe Romeo's feelings for Juliet?
- 8. What word parts help you to make meaning of the word *mannerly*?
- 9. What does Juliet mean by "mannerly devotion"?
- 10. How does Juliet refine the metaphors in lines 96–99?

- 11. How does Shakespeare develop Juliet through her response to Romeo?
- 12. What does Romeo ask of Juliet in line 100?
- 13. How does Juliet's response to Romeo further develop her character?
- 14. How does Shakespeare use figurative language to develop the relationship between Romeo and Juliet in lines 106–109?