***Romeo and Juliet*: Anticipation Guide**

C:\Users\Mike\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\BPQNC784\MCj03790750000[1].wmfShakespeare wrote about complicated issues in his plays. His characters display a wide range of opinions that influence the decisions they make. In the play *Romeo & Juliet*, Shakespeare’s characters must cope with issues of love, hatred, friendship, and family.

Fill out the chart below. We’ll discuss your opinions about these topics before and after reading the text.

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| **Statement…** | **Agree/Disagree** | **Explain why.** |
| ***1. Love at first sight is not only possible, but likely.*** |  |  |
| **2. Teenagers don’t have the maturity to make big decisions.** |  |  |
| ***3. Revenge is justifiable. “An eye for an eye!”*** |  |  |
| **4. The heart is better at making decisions than the brain.** |  |  |
| ***5. The ends always justify the means. (It is okay to be dishonest if the result is good.)*** |  |  |
| **6. Parents should have some say about whom their children marry.** |  |  |
| ***7. Love is more important than family and friends.*** |  |  |

***Romeo and Juliet*: The Essential Questions**

These are simple questions, but they do not have simple answers; rather, these questions force us to examine the core beliefs that form our identity and our relationship with the people around us and the world beyond the classroom. You may have opinions and beliefs about these questions now, but will also see how they progress and change after reading the text.

**DIRECTIONS: Pick one question and answer it in one paragraph (6-8 sentences) below. Your response should include a claim (your answer to the question) and at least one piece of evidence (fact/statistic, example/experience, expert opinion, etc.) that is fully explained in connection to your claim.**

* What distinguishes true love from lust?
* Can love at first sight exist?
* Are our lives determined by fate or free will?
* Who should we be more loyal to: lovers or family?