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

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Shakespeare 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. The essential questions listed below are ones that we will focus on throughout our reading of the play. Examine each question and explain your thinking.

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| **Essential Question** |  | **Explain Your Thinking** |
| ***1.* What fuels teenage relationships: true love or physical attraction?** |  |  |
| **2. What determines our lives more: fate or free will?**  |  |  |
| **3. Who should we be more loyal to: lovers or family?** |  |  |
| **4. What is more important in making decisions: facts or emotions?** |  |  |
| **5. Who is responsible for the behaviors of teenagers: the minor or adults?** |  |  |
| **6. Who should we rely on to regulate the proper behavior of citizens: the government or the citizens?** |  |  |