

English 9
Romeo and Juliet

Name _____

Acts I Quotes

Directions: For each of the following quotes:

- a) identify the speaker**
- b) explain what the quote means, in your own words**
- c) give the occasion of the quote**
- d) reveal how it contributes to either theme, imagery, foreshadowing, plot, characterization, or any other literary technique.**

1. “What, drawn and talk of peace? I hate the word
As I hate hell, all Montagues, and thee.” (Act I, scene i)

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

2. “ ... O me! What fray was here?
Yet tell me not, for I have heard it all.
Here’s much to do with hate, but more with love.
Why then, O brawling love, O loving hate,
O anything, of nothing first created!
O heavy lightness, serious vanity,
Misshapen chaos of well seeming forms,
Feather of lead, bright smoke, cold fire, sick health,
Still-waking sleep, that is not what it is!
This love feel I, that feel no love in this.” (Act I, scene i)

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

3. "I fear, too early; for my mind misgives
Some consequence yet hanging in the stars
Shall bitterly begin his fearful date
With this night's revels and expire the term
Of a despisèd life, closed in my breast,
By some vile forfeit of untimely death.
But he that hath the steerage of my course
Direct my sail! On, lusty gentlemen!"

(Act I, scene iv)

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)