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Love's Blossoming: Act 2 of 'Romeo and Juliet'

Short Answer Key

1. In the balcony scene, Romeo and Juliet are filled with deep and passionate emotions. They express their love for each other through romantic declarations and vows. Juliet speaks of her love for Romeo, unaware of his presence, and Romeo reveals himself, professing his love in return.
2. Friar Laurence agrees to marry Romeo and Juliet in the hope that their union will bring an end to the feud between the Montagues and Capulets. He believes that their love has the potential to unite their families.
3. The Nurse plays a crucial role in Act 2 by facilitating communication between Romeo and Juliet and helping them arrange their secret marriage. She is loyal to Juliet and is willing to assist in their forbidden love.
4. Act 2, Scene 4, has a humorous and lighthearted tone as Mercutio and Benvolio engage in witty banter and jesting. This scene provides comic relief and contrasts with the serious themes of the play.
5. Act 2, Scene 5, marks a significant turning point as Romeo and Juliet are married secretly by Friar Laurence. This marks the beginning of their life together as a married couple and sets in motion the events that will lead to tragedy.

