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Juliet's Desperate Dilemma: Act 4 of 'Romeo and Juliet'

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Analyze Juliet's character development in Act 4. How does her determination to avoid marrying Paris and her willingness to take extreme measures for love reflect her growth as a character?
2. Explore the role of Friar Laurence in Act 4. How does his plan for Juliet both offer a solution to her dilemma and introduce elements of tragedy into the story?
3. Reflect on the theme of familial relationships in Act 4. How do Lord Capulet's actions and Juliet's decision to deceive her family highlight the strained relationships within the Capulet household?
4. Discuss the dramatic tension created by the contrast between the joyful preparations for Juliet's wedding in Act 4, Scene 4, and the audience's knowledge of Juliet's plan. How does this tension contribute to the overall tragedy of the play?

