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

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. In Act 4, Juliet's character undergoes significant development as she demonstrates determination and bravery. Her refusal to marry Paris and her willingness to take extreme measures for love show her growth from a naive young girl to a strong-willed and resourceful woman.
2. Friar Laurence plays a crucial role in Act 4 by devising a plan to reunite Romeo and Juliet. While his intentions are to bring an end to the feud and unite the young lovers, his plan introduces elements of tragedy into the story, setting the stage for the play's devastating conclusion.
3. Act 4 highlights the strained familial relationships within the Capulet household. Lord Capulet's insistence on Juliet's marriage and Juliet's decision to deceive her family to avoid it showcase the conflicts and tensions among family members.
4. The dramatic tension created by the contrast between the joyful wedding preparations and the audience's knowledge of Juliet's plan adds to the overall tragedy of the play. The audience is acutely aware of the impending disaster, intensifying the emotional impact of the unfolding events.

