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## Tragic Conclusion: Act 5 of 'Romeo and Juliet'

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. In Act 5, Romeo and Juliet's impulsive actions contribute to the tragic conclusion of the play. Romeo's decision to drink poison upon hearing of Juliet's apparent death, and Juliet's choice to stab herself upon finding Romeo dead, showcase the consequences of their impulsive love and the hastiness of their decisions.
2. Fate plays a significant role in Act 5, as misunderstandings, coincidences, and miscommunications shape the destiny of the young lovers. Friar Laurence's plan relies on timing and a series of events that, when disrupted, lead to the tragic outcome.
3. The reconciliation between the Capulets and Montagues at the end of Act 5 symbolizes the tragic cost of their feud. While it brings an end to the family conflict, it also highlights the senselessness of the feud and the price paid by the younger generation, Romeo and Juliet.
4. Act 5 evokes a range of emotions, including sorrow and hope. While the deaths of Romeo and Juliet are heartbreaking, the reconciliation between the feuding families offers a glimmer of hope for a better future, even in the midst of tragedy.

