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## Exploring the Characters of Romeo in 'Romeo and Juliet'

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Romeo fits the characteristics of a tragic hero as he is a noble character with a tragic flaw (impulsiveness) that leads to his downfall. His impulsive decisions, such as killing Tybalt, ultimately result in his own death and the tragedy of the play.
2. Romeo's impulsive decisions, including his secret marriage to Juliet and his killing of Tybalt, escalate the conflict between the Montagues and Capulets, leading to tragedy. His impulsive nature drives the plot's progression.
3. Romeo's intense love for Juliet shapes his actions and decisions throughout the play. It highlights the power of love as a driving force and emphasizes the theme of love's ability to transcend societal boundaries.
4. Romeo's loyalty to his friends, Mercutio and Benvolio, adds depth to his character and influences his actions. His friendships affect the events of the play, such as his decision to avenge Mercutio's death, leading to Tybalt's death.

