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## The Journey of 'Romeo and Juliet': Start, Middle, and End

### Short Answer Key

1. Romeo and Juliet keep their love a secret because they come from feuding families, the Montagues and Capulets, and revealing their love would put their lives in danger.
2. Mercutio serves as Romeo's close friend and humorously lightens the mood in the play. His death at Tybalt's hands sets off a chain of tragic events, including Romeo's banishment.
3. To be together, Romeo and Juliet secretly marry, exchange vows of love, and plan to run away together. They take risks to keep their love alive.
4. Juliet's potion makes her appear dead, allowing her to escape an arranged marriage to Paris and be with Romeo. However, this plan ultimately leads to the tragic conclusion.
5. The reconciliation of the feuding families is a tragic outcome of the play. It occurs only after the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, highlighting the senselessness of their feud.

