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Romeo & Juliet

Act 1, Scene 1

William Shakespeare

Scene 1 Vocabulary:

adversary:	enemy	provoke:	to annoy
fray:	fight	quarrel:	an angry disagreement
pernicious:	harmful, deadly	abroach:	to start, initiate (in this case, a fight)
portentous:	momentous, important	cankered:	infected
profaner:	someone who speaks profanity, or defiles	chastity:	virginity

1. Who are Sampson & Gregory?

Servants of the Capulets..

2. What does Sampson mean when he says "on my word, we'll not carry coals"?

we will not be humiliated / be angry.

3. How do Sampson & Gregory feel about the Montagues? What do they call them?

They call them dogs, weak.
* feud is intense!

4. What kind of expression is biting one's thumb?

It's our equivalent of the middle finger... = you can't fight

5. What are 2 innuendos used in this first scene? Write the quotes and their meaning.

- a. "My naked weapon is out!" - sword
- b. "Women are 'thrust' into wall up..." - Beat

6. Who are Benvolio and Tybalt? Whose houses are they from?

Tybalt - Capulet - Loves to fight
Benvolio - Montague - Peaceful

Foils - complete opposites for contrast / conflict

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stop fighting

6. What can we assume about Capulet's age from the comment that Lady Capulet makes?

She calls his sword "a crutch."
She's calling him old and feeble.

7. Who stops the fight? What is the punishment if another fight breaks out?

A) Prince Escalus. B) They've fought
C) Death Penalty 3 times recently.

9. Who is Romeo? Why is he distraught?

8. Montague

10. What is Benvolio's advice to Romeo?

Spotlight on a Line

Romeo: "Why then, O brawling love! O loving hate!
O any thing, of nothing first create!
O heavy lightness! serious vanity!
Misshapen chaos of well-seeming forms!

Definition: oxymoron (n)— figure of speech in which contradictory or opposite words or ideas are combined for effect

10. Why is Romeo describing his love in this way? What effect does it have?