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*Romeo and Juliet*: Pre-Reading Questions  
Love — A Timeless Treasure

1. *Romeo and Juliet* is a love story. Shakespeare's audiences loved it! Do you think people still enjoy love stories today? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List some modern love stories.

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3. The setting of the play is the 14th century. How do you think children's and parents' attitudes toward each other differed in the 14<sup>th</sup> century compared to today? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. When this play begins, two families are feuding. What kinds of events would you expect to cause feuds? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What does it usually take to resolve a feud? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What are the advantages of arranged marriages? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What are the disadvantages of arranged marriages? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Do you think arranged marriages would work in modern American Society? \_\_\_\_

Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Do you believe in love at first sight? \_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. In your opinion, are teenagers capable of experiencing true and lasting love? \_\_\_\_

Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. *Romeo and Juliet* is a tragedy. What kinds of events would you expect to find in a tragedy? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How important do you think the approval of one's family is in selecting a wife or husband? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What complications might arise if one's family disapproves of his or her choice in a wife or husband? \_\_\_\_\_

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