Romeo and Juliet Plot Summary

This activity is designed to provide practice in writing an act-by-act plot summary. It is the first step in a unit which, if completed, will take you from plot summary through character analysis, and finally, to a composition which combines information from this plot summary and your character analysis.

Using the process below, write an act-by-act plot summary of William Shakespeare's drama *Romeo and Juliet*. A plot summary is a telling of the events of a story in chronological order, the order in which the events actually occur.

The Process:

- While reading the play, make notes of important events along the way. Note which character performs the action and the nature of the action. Note events in chronological order.
- Identify acts of the play by sub-headings.
- Each event noted should lead to another important event of the play.
- Each event is caused by a character in the play. Identify the characters who cause important events to occur.

Your composition should:

- Begin with a strong opening statement;
- Be divided according to the acts of the play;
- Include all the important events of each act;
- Identify all the characters;
- Follow standard conventions of English regarding spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

I will try to give you class time to work on this, but please be aware that much of it will be homework that you will be expected to complete as we read.