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Romeo and Juliet: Act I, Scene 1

Directions: During/ After you read Act I Scene 1, answer the following questions. You can state the answer briefly, but if it asks for evidence or a complete sentence, you must add it.

Scene 1:

1. *Romeo and Juliet* is essentially a love story. Why do you think Shakespeare begins it with a violent street fight?
2. For which family do Gregory and Sampson work?
3. Benvolio's name means 'well-wishing'. How does our first encounter with him help to establish him as a 'well-wishing' character?
4. What impression do you have of Tybalt and his attitude to this feud? Refer to the text to substantiate your answer.
5. Prince Escalus scolds Capulet and Montague. What punishment will they suffer if their followers fight in the street again?
6. Romeo is introduced as a typical romantic lover. Describe his behavior, with specific reference to the text and what he says to illustrate this point.
7. What advice does Benvolio give to his lovesick cousin? What should Romeo "examine?"