**For this essay, you will choose one of the following questions:**

* Who is responsible for the tragic deaths of *Romeo and Juliet*?
* What is the theme of Romeo & Juliet? What are we supposed to learn about life from reading this play?
* Analyze the characters of the Nurse or Friar Laurence as mentors to the young people in the play. Do these two people do the “right thing” in their relationships with Romeo and Juliet?
* The Nurse fills the role of Juliet’s mother, and Friar Laurence acts as Romeo’s Father. Discuss the importance of these characters.
* Which character changes/evolves the most? How did he or she change? How did these changes occur?
* Discuss how Shakespeare’s use of language reveals attributes of one or two characters.
* Romeo and Juliet are referred to as "star-cross'd lovers". Discuss the concept of predetermined destiny and how it relates to the play.

Your essay will contain **FOUR** paragraphs:

**Topic Sentence**

**CD:** transition, lead-in, quotation

**CM:** analysis of the CD

**CM:** additional analysis of CD

**CD:** transition, lead-in, quotation

**CM:** analysis of CD #2

**CM:** additional analysis of CD #2

**Concluding Sentence**

Thesis Statement

* General statements about the **SUBJECT** of the essay
* Set up sentence that leads into the thesis

### **Body Paragraph #1**

* Restate thesis in **NEW** words
* Relate to the play
* Work out to the **SUBJECT** and make connections to life/world/etc

## Conclusion

### **Body Paragraph #2**

# **Introduction**

Use new words!

Restatement of Thesis

**Citations for a play**

Correct parenthetical citations: “Wisely and slow. They stumble that run fast” (2.3.94).

**Requirements**

* Four paragraphs (1.5-3 pages typed, double spaced). A hard copy needs to be submitted the day it is due, and it will also be turned in to Turnitin.com.
* Eliminate “I”, “you”, and “we” from your expository writing. Also, do not include, “the reader” or “the play”
* When writing about literature, write in the present tense.
* Avoid using contractions in formal writing. That means, “Do not use contractions instead of don’t use contractions☺
* You need two direct quotations for each paragraph. You will have a total of four quotation concrete details in your essay. Use proper citations!

Please remember that you can always see me for assistance on your writing. I am available before and after school or break.