**Romeo & Juliet: Theme Essay Outline** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Introduction

1. *Attention getter (interesting first sentence to catch reader’s attention- quote, statistic, question, etc.):*
2. *Ease into topic for a couple of sentences (talk about story in relation to theme, give examples, etc.):*
3. *Thesis (What is the main point I’m making in this essay?):*
   1. *Example thesis: In “Romeo and Juliet” by William Shakespeare, the theme (insert theme here) is represented through the play’s use of setting, characters, and language.*

Body

1. *Point #1 (Ex: Explanation of how first “event” relates to theme):*
   1. *Explain HOW this event relates to your theme using SPECIFIC examples from R&J to support your claims, as well as 1+ DIRECT QUOTES.*
2. *Point #2 (Ex: Explanation of how second “event” relates to theme):*
   1. *Explain HOW this event relates to your theme using SPECIFIC examples from R&J to support your claims, as well as 1+ DIRECT QUOTES.*
3. *Point #3 (Ex: Explanation of how third “event” relates to theme):*
   1. *Explain HOW this event relates to your theme using SPECIFIC examples from R&J to support your claims, as well as 1+ DIRECT QUOTES.*

Conclusion

1. *Restate thesis:*
2. *Remind reader of main ideas (taken from paragraphs #1, 2, 3 listed above)*
   1. *Point #1:*
   2. *Point #2:*
   3. *Point #3:*
3. *Wrap up essay*