**Romeo & Juliet: Artwork Analysis**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***PART 1 (short answer):*** *Examine the details of your painting and discuss it with your group. Answer the questions below based on your group’s discussion. Write in COMPLETE SENTENCES, using SPECIFIC DETAILS from the story & painting to back up your responses. Write 2-3+ sentences for each response. If unable to finish in time, see Teams for the images and complete this handout for homework.*

**Painting #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

1. What role does color play in the painting? Did the artist use bright, vibrant colors, or dull, dark colors? Did he or she use reds/oranges/yellows, or was it a cooler color palette, using blues/purples/blacks? WHAT MIGHT THE USE OF COLOR REPRESENT IN THIS PAINTING? Explain using details from the painting.
2. Describe the facial expressions expressed by the people in this painting. What EMOTIONS (besides love… duh!) are being experienced by these characters, based on their facial expressions? Explain using details from the painting.
3. What is being expressed by the body language in the painting? Notice how Romeo & Juliet are standing/sitting/leaning/etc. and explain how that may convey a message to your reader. WHAT DOES THE BODY LANGUAGE SAY ABOUT THE CHARACTERS’ EMOTIONS AT THIS POINT IN THE PLAY? Explain using details from the painting.
4. Study the setting/background of the painting. What images/symbols do you notice that may have been mentioned in the play itself? Further, how does the artist’s use of background help tell the story behind the events in this scene of *Romeo & Juliet*? Explain using details from the painting.

**PART 2 (Freewrite):** *After discussing the painting with your group, work individually to write a short “essay” below describing how the painting’s use of color, facial expression, body language, symbols, and background represent the meaning behind the events in the story. In other words, use your answers about the painting in part 1 to describe how this painting exemplifies the emotion/ events/ mood/ etc. of the story itself IN DETAIL HERE. Organizer your essay accordingly:*

* P1: What is the overall meaning of the painting? What EVENT(S) does it reference in the play, using specific information from the text to support your response.
* P2: How does the painting’s use of color & background illustrate your painting’s meaning? In other words, how do color and background symbolically represent the events/emotions/etc. in the play?
* P3: How does the painting’s use of facial expression & body language contribute to the painting’s overall meaning? How do they allude to the events in the story, symbolically? Explain your response.

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