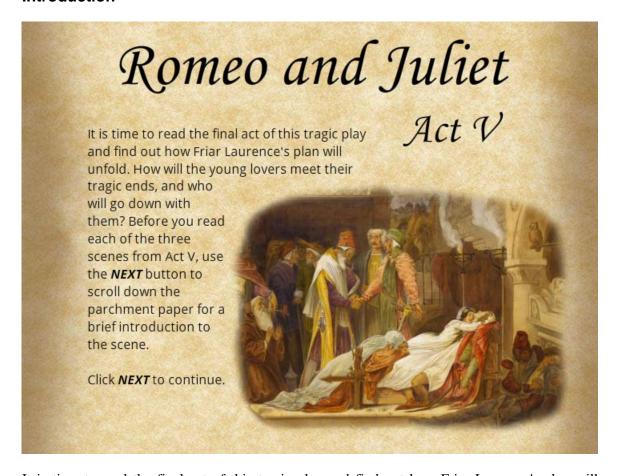
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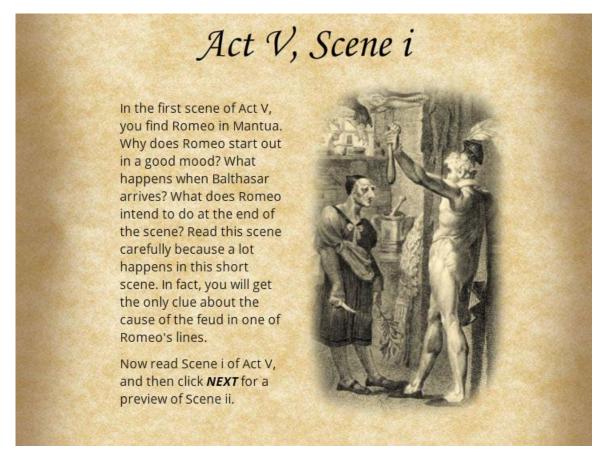


It is time to read the final act of this tragic play and find out how Friar Laurence's plan will unfold. How will the young lovers meet their tragic ends, and who will go down with them? Before you read each of the three scenes from Act Five, use the *NEXT* button to scroll down the parchment paper for a brief introduction to the scene.

Click **NEXT** to continue.



Act V, Scene i

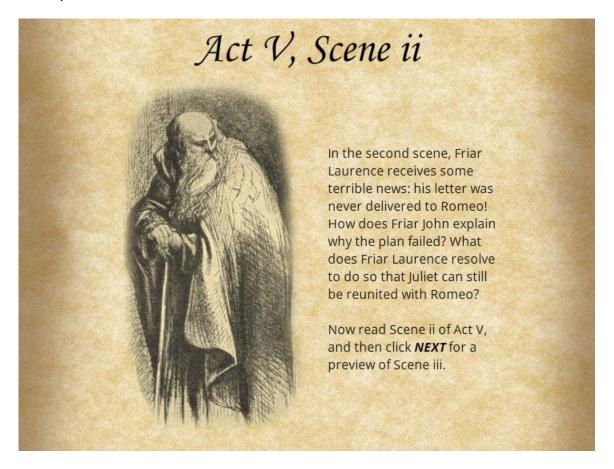


In the first scene of Act Five, you find Romeo in Mantua. Why does Romeo start out in a good mood? What happens when Balthasar arrives? What does Romeo intend to do at the end of the scene? Read this scene carefully because a lot happens in this short scene. In fact, you will get the only clue about the cause of the feud in one of Romeo's lines.

Now read Scene One of Act Five, and then click *NEXT* for a preview of Scene Two.



Act V, Scene ii

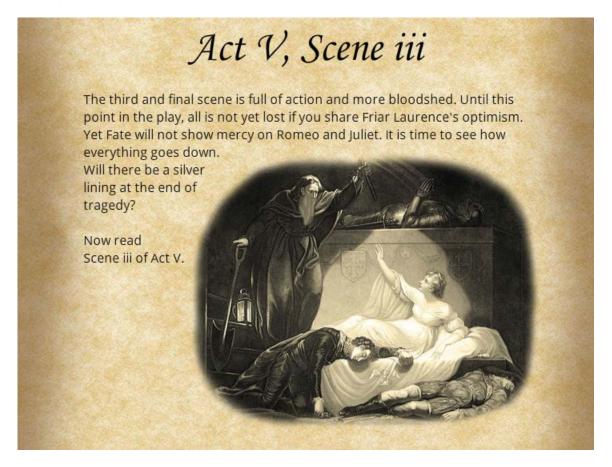


In the second scene, Friar Laurence receives some terrible news: his letter was never delivered to Romeo! How does Friar John explain why the plan failed? What does Friar Laurence resolve to do so that Juliet can still be reunited with Romeo?

Now read Scene Two of Act Five, and then click *NEXT* for a preview of Scene Three.



Act V, Scene iii



The third and final scene is full of action and more bloodshed. Until this point in the play, all is not yet lost if you share Friar Laurence's optimism. Yet Fate will not show mercy on Romeo and Juliet. It is time to see how everything goes down. Will there be a silver lining at the end of tragedy?

Now read Scene Three of Act Five.

