***Romeo and Juliet* Literary Essay**

**Thesis: The Nurse plays the role of Juliet’s mother and Friar acts like Romeo’s father:**

**Intro:**

**Quote or fact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Topics: I. **Romeo and Juliet’s parents are hands off parents: not close emotionally to children**

i) Romeo's father does not know much about his son and why he feels the way he does. Needs Benvolio to be the middle man/liaison: Benvolio asks what is wrong with Romeo. Montague: "I neither know of it, nor can learn of him" (1.1.138).

ii) Lady Capulet is very uncomfortable talking to her own daughter about important issues: "This is the matter. Nurse give leave a while./We must talk in secret. Nurse come back again" (1.3.8-9).

iii) Lord Capulet will not accept that Juliet does not want to marry Paris. Calls her terrible names and wants to disown her for one thing done wrong in his eyes:

Hang thee, young baggage, disobedient wretch!

I tell thee what: get thee to church a'Thursday,

or after look me in the face.

Speak not, reply not, do not answer me! (3.5.160-4)

**II.** **Nurse does the motherly things for Juliet**

i) Nurses her from birth after losing own child (replacement baby): “Thou wast the

prettiest babe e’er I nursed” (1.3.61).

ii.) Warns Romeo not to hurt Juliet

iii) Motherly, protective instincts kick in when Capulet is being cruel and mean to

Juliet: “”God in heaven bless her!/ You are to blame, my lord, to rate her so”

(3.5.168-9).

**III.** **Friar Laurence treats Romeo with both tenderness and tough love (like a parent)**

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**IV. Both Romeo and Juliet go to the Friar and Nurse for parental advice.**

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