

**Romeo and Juliet** Summarize with Four-Layered Notes

First, identify the passages you want to summarize. Then complete the chart as follows.

Column 1: Enter a direct reference to the act, scene, and lines to be summarized and a short phrase that encapsulates the events that occur in the passage—like a headline.

Column 2: Summarize the passage. Write four complete sentences that capture the key details of the scene.

Column 3: Write two to three sentences answering the following questions: What do these details reveal? What bigger idea, truth, or revelation is implied in this scene?

Column 4: Using your summary and answer to the questions, write a statement describing the author's purpose in the passage.

Passage Location and Brief Summary	Four-Line Summary	What Do These Details Reveal?	Author's Purpose in This Passage
1.1—complete scene Benvolio tries to help Romeo.	1. The Capulet and Montague men get into a fight, and the Prince must separate them. 2. Montague informs Benvolio that Romeo is depressed and asks Benvolio to speak with Romeo. 3. Benvolio finds out that Romeo is in love with a girl who does not seem to love him in return. 4. Benvolio suggests that he will find a way to get Romeo's mind off his problems.	Benvolio is a peacemaker; he tries to stop the fight between the Capulets and Montagues and then tries to cheer up his friend Romeo. He is presented as a kind and caring person.	Shakespeare presents Benvolio's attempt to cheer Romeo up in order to characterize Benvolio as sympathetic and caring.

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RL.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.