

## English I Final Writing Exam – Fall Semester

In William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, people often wonder how things could have gone so wrong for the "two star-crossed lovers." As the story unfolds, it is evident that many characters play a vital role in the events that ultimately lead to the tragic death of Romeo and Juliet.

***In a well-developed essay, explain which character is ultimately to blame for the deaths of Romeo and Juliet***

Ideas for writing a successful essay:

- ✓ Begin by making a graphic organizer to generate ideas that can be done on this page.
- ✓ Write your essay in 3<sup>rd</sup> person.
- ✓ Begin with a strong introduction (with an attention-getter or hook) that has a clear, argumentative thesis statement that answers the question: WHO IS TO BLAME?
- ✓ Using a clear organizational pattern, write three body paragraphs with strong topic sentences – each paragraph should give a reason that supports the argument you make in your thesis.
- ✓ Each body paragraph should contain only one reason.
- ✓ Use transitions to link your ideas as you finish one thought and begin another.
- ✓ End your paper with a conclusion.
- ✓ Allow enough time to check for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.