**Romeo and Juliet**

**Reading Analysis Essay**

***Choose 1 of the following topics, you will be doing extensive analysis of your topic, so choose carefully ☺***

**1)** Discuss the character of Romeo and his infatuation with Rosaline. Does this weaken the credibility of the love he feels for Juliet?

**2)** Friar Laurence serves many dramatic purposes in the play. Examine the Friar and his role in *Romeo and Juliet*.

**3)** Mercutio is considered to be one of Shakespeare's great creations, yet he is killed relatively early in the play. What makes Mercutio so memorable a character?

**4)** Examine the role of women in *Romeo and Juliet*.

**5)** Romeo and Juliet are referred to as "star-cross'd lovers". Discuss the concept of predetermined destiny and how it relates to the play.

**6)** Juliet's suitor Paris is compared throughout the play to Romeo. Examine carefully the similarities and differences between the two young men who love Juliet.

**Logistics:**

\*2 pages minimum, 5 pages maximum. As many paragraphs as you need, remember – you need a strong introductory paragraph, a strong conclusion, and as many body paragraphs as you have points to discuss.

\*typed, double-spaced, 12pt font, new times roman

\*well proofed and edited - you absolutely, positively must run spell check

\*you may submit via hard copy or electronically on Edmodo. If you choose Edmodo, your document MUST BE A WORD .DOC document. I will not accept any other formats. If you have not done so already, you must join Edmodo at least 24 hours prior to the due date.

\*No late work will be accepted, no exceptions.

\*IF you use sources outside of the play, you must include an MLA format works cited page. We discussed this during first semester; there are about 1,000 websites that will build a works cited page for you. Easy stuff. IF you only use the play, you do not need to include a works cited page.