

Romeo and Juliet Act I Vocabulary

1. profaners - *noun* - not respectful of orthodox religious practice; irreverent.
2. pernicious - *adjective* - tending to cause death or serious injury; deadly.
3. augmenting - *verb* - to make (something already developed or well under way) greater, as in size, extent, or quantity.
4. portentous - *adjective* - of the nature of a portent; momentous.
5. transgression - *noun* - a violation of law, command or duty; the exceeding of due bounds or limits.
6. posterity - *noun* - all future generations of people.
7. languish - *verb* - to be or become weak or feeble; droop; fade.
8. heretics - *noun* - person who holds controversial opinions, especially one who publicly dissents from the officially accepted dogma (beliefs) of the Roman Catholic Church.
9. esteem - *verb* - to regard highly or favorably; regard with respect or admiration.
10. obscured - *adjective* - not clearly expressed or easily understood.
11. boisterous - *adjective* - rough and noisy; noisily jolly or rowdy; clamorous; unrestrained.
12. alderman - *noun* - a member of the municipal legislative body.
13. benefice - *noun* - A position or post granted to an priest or clergyman that guarantees a fixed amount of property or income.
14. purged - *verb* - to rid of whatever is impure or undesirable; cleanse; purify.
15. loathed - *verb* - to feel disgust or intense aversion (dislike) for.