*Romeo and Juliet*: Act 1 Love Connection\*

Read the lines listed for each of the following characters. In the first column, write the lines exactly as they appear in the play. Then draw some conclusions about each line or set of lines: what insights do they give into each character’s experiences with, feelings toward, or attitudes about love and marriage? Jot down these insights in the third column.

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| Character | Lines | Conclusions |
| Romeo  1.1.187-191 |  |  |
| Benvolio  1.2.49-50 |  |  |
| Paris  1.2.12 | “Younger than she are happy mothers made.” | Paris is eager to marry; age is not an issue |
| Capulet  1.2.16-19 |  |  |
| Juliet  1.3.66 |  |  |
| Juliet  1.3.97-99 |  |  |
| Lady Capulet  1.3.69-73 |  |  |
| Nurse  1.3.105 |  |  |
| Mercutio  1.4.27 |  |  |

\*Adapted from *Shakespeare Set Free*