Romeo & Juliet scene I, Scene ii (pages 836-840)

1. Blank Verse/Mercutio’s speech: Based on the meter of Mercutio’s speech, how can you tell that he is an aristocrat?
2. **Scene ii** begins the famous balcony scene. In these lines Romeo is making an extended comparison that reveals his strong feelings for Juliet. First, he says that Juliet’s beauty is so great that she lights up the world, as the sun does when it rises. Then, he says that even the moon is envious of her, the way the moon might be envious of the brighter, “more fair” sun. Reread lines 4-14 and pay attention to the meter. Which line in Romeo’s speech breaks the pattern of five stressed syllables per line? How many does it have?
3. Whom does Romeo see at the window?
4. **Critical Viewing (Page 838):** Which line of dialogue in this scene might this photograph capture? (direct quote)
5. (page 838): What is Juliet suggesting in this passage?
6. (**Page 838):** Based on Juliet’s feelings and words at this point, does she believe that her and Romeo’s differences define them? Explain.
7. **Summarize (page 839, Lines 38-49):** Explain in detail each sentence.
8. **Summarize (page 839, Lines 38-49):** What is Juliet wishing for in this speech?
9. **Literary Analysis Blank Verse (page 839, lines 49-57):** Who speaks in line 49?
10. **Literary Analysis Blank Verse (page 839, lines 49-57):** What strong feelings is Romeo expressing in lines 53-57?