**Romeo and Juliet guided essay**

**Who is to blame?**

1. Introduction
   1. A fairly general sentence introducing the play, as well as identifying WHAT you will be blaming someone for
   2. A statement about what caused the events and WHY this character is to blame
   3. A thesis statement identifying WHO is to blame, for example:

“\_(Character Name)\_ ultimately holds the most blame for the tragedy at the end of the play.”

1. First body paragraph (reason one)
   1. Identify the first reason you blame this character
      1. Provide a quote to support this reason (remember quote lead-ins)
      2. Discuss the scene/context where the quote is from and how it proves your point about THIS SPECIFIC REASON (this should be 1-3 sentences and can include how it causes a situation or reaction, what it says about the character’s personality or choices, etc.)
2. Second body paragraph (reason two)
   1. Identify the first reason you blame this character
      1. Provide a quote to support this reason (remember quote lead-ins)
      2. Discuss the scene/context where the quote is from and how it proves your point about THIS SPECIFIC REASON (this should be 1-3 sentences and can include how it causes a situation or reaction, what it says about the character’s personality or choices, etc.)
3. Third body paragraph (reason three)
   1. Identify the first reason you blame this character
      1. Provide a quote or other text evidence to support this reason (remember quote lead-ins)
      2. Discuss the scene/context where the quote is from and how it proves your point about THIS SPECIFIC REASON (this should be 1-3 sentences and can include how it causes a situation or reaction, what it says about the character’s personality or choices, etc.)
4. Conclusion
   1. Restate your thesis (in different words)
   2. Summarize your three key points
   3. Drive the argument home with a summarizing sentence connecting your thesis/main idea to the real world