

While You Read Look for the ways that the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets continues to drive the young lovers apart. Then, decide whether the actions they take are wise or foolish.

1 Common Core State Standards

Meet these standards with *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, Act IV (p. 894).

Reading Literature

2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text; provide an objective summary of the text. (Reading Skill: Summarize)

5. Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it, and manipulate time create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise. (Literary Analysis: Dramatic Irony)

Language

5.a. Interpret figures of speech in context and analyze their role in the text. (Literary Analysis: Comic Relief and Puns)

Spiral Review: RL.9-10.3



2 Vocabulary

Read each word and its definition. Decide whether you know the word well, know it a little bit, or do not know it at all. After you read, see how your knowledge of each word has increased.

- **pensive** (pen' siv) *adj.* deeply thoughtful (p. 896) *She listened intently, looking pensive. pensively adv. pensiveness n.*
- **vial** (vī' əl) *n.* small bottle containing medicine or other liquids (p. 898) *The vial was filled with expensive perfume.*
- **enjoined** (en joind') *v.* ordered (p. 900) *The jurors were enjoined not to discuss the case. enjoin v. enjoinder n.*
- **wayward** (wā' wərd) *adj.* headstrong (p. 900) *The wayward boy did not listen to anyone and insisted on working alone. waywardly adv. waywardness n.*
- **dismal** (diz' məl) *adj.* causing gloom or misery (p. 901) *The dismal sight of his abandoned house made the old man sad. dismally adv.*
- **loathsome** (lōth' səm) *adj.* disgusting; detestable (p. 903) *The loathsome smell of rotten eggs filled the laboratory. loathe v. loathing n.*

3 Word Study

The Latin prefix *en-* means "in," "into," or "within."

In Act IV, Juliet says she is **enjoined** by Friar Lawrence to be obedient to her father. She means that Friar Lawrence wants her to join with her father by obeying his wishes.