1.  **Why is Juliet afraid to take the potion at first? What assurances does Friar Laurence give her that the potion will work?**

2.     **What situations in life or other works of literature that you've read would make you or the character desperate enough to consume an unknown drug in order to escape?**

3.     **If you were Juliet, why would you be willing to follow Friar Laurence's plan? If you wouldn't, what other plan would you devise?**

4.     **In what ways are Juliet's fears of the potion similar to or different from the reactions of characters or people that you've known dealing with serious problems?**

5.     **Caught in a similar situation to Juliet's, what fears might you express and what solution would you seek?**