***Romeo and Juliet* Prologue Translation**

**Original Text**:  **Line-by-Line Translation:**

Two households, both alike in dignity,

In fair Verona (where we lay our scene),

From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,

Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

From forth the fatal loins of these two foes

A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life;

Whose misadventured piteous overthrows

Doth with their death bury their parents’ strife.

The fearful passage of their death-marked love,

And the continuance of their parents’ rage,

Which but their children’s end nought could remove,

Is now the two hours traffic of our stage;

The which if you with patient ears attend,

What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.

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1. Where does the play take place?
2. Who are the two feuding families?
3. What two reasons are put forth as reasons why Romeo and Juliet commit suicide?
4. What is buried with the death of Romeo and Juliet?
5. Why would Shakespeare choose to give away his story?