***Romeo and Juliet* Memorization**

**English 9**

WHY?

The concept of memorization is one that you DO need in life. You won't be asked to recite *Romeo and Juliet* standing in the grocery line, but you WILL have to memorize information for jobs and general day-to-day living.

You also have to recite what you memorized in front of other people, and we all know that public speaking is a skill many of us dread yet all of us need. Reciting someone else's ideas helps us to focus on how we're saying what we're saying rather than focus on what we're saying. That comes later.

Basically, memorization is a kind of exercise that strengthens the powers of the mind, just as physical exercise strengthens those of the body.

WHAT?

You will select a section of *Romeo and Juliet* to memorize and recite to the class. You have a choice; the amount you choose to memorize will determine the highest grade you can earn. You may work with a friend to memorize and recite a passage that involves conversation between two characters. Each participant is responsible for the full number of lines.

HOW?

You will memorize your lines by Monday, January 12. I will hand out numbers to determine order of presentation (randomly selected). You will decide how you want to deliver your lines. If you use props and deliver them enthusiastically, you can earn extra points. You will not, however, lose points if you chose to simply recite them. If you would like to deliver your lines before the due date, let me know, and we will find time in class for you to do so.

NOTE: You may have a friend prompt you **twice** without losing any points. Any mistakes after that will result in one point off for each error.

You must bring this sheet to me prior to presenting.

Lines Memorized: Act? Scene? Lines? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total number?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Rubric:**

**30 points = 20+ lines (2 points extra for every 5 lines MORE than 20, up to 40 lines)**

**15-29 points =11-19 lines**

**1-15 points = 1 – 10 lines**

Number of errors:

Extra points for props, enthusiasm, costume, etc.?

Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/30 points