



ANSWERS

1. The denouement is when Romeo and Juliet's parents go to see their children's dead bodies and the Friar explains what happened. Prince Escalus then condemns the family feud that caused the tragedy. The Montagues and the Capulets vow to stop fighting and to put up a monument to the dead lovers.
2. This is an effective conclusion because Escalus' remarks puts the story of the two lovers into the context of the broader family stories, pointing out the irony (it is love that destroyed the joy both families too in their children). All loose ends are tied up, the audience can see how the lives of everyone involved have been impacted by the story, and the audience feels that there has been some justice despite the tragedy (the family feud is resolved).