

Hamlet

Act IV Study Guide

Answer the questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Scene 1

1. What does Gertrude relate to the king? What is the king's fear? (lines 1-15)

Scene 2

2. Explain the metaphor Hamlet uses to describe Rosencrantz. (lines 10-24)

Scene 3

3. According to Hamlet, where is Polonius? Explain his lines, (lines 22-27)
4. What does the King plan for Hamlet? (lines 67-77)

Scene 4

5. Why has Fortinbras come to Denmark? (lines 1-30)
6. Explain the comparison between Hamlet and the army of soldiers in the soliloquy. (lines 50-69)
7. Describe Hamlet's attitude at the end of Scene 4. (lines 68-69)

Scene 5

8. What happened to Ophelia and why? (lines 1-104)
9. Why is Laertes upset about in lines 237-242?
10. What is ironic about King Claudius' speech in lines 135-141?

Scene 6

11. What happens to Hamlet on his trip?

Scene 7

12. Why doesn't Claudius execute Hamlet for the murder of Polonius? (lines 11-26)
13. In what manner will the king go about killing Hamlet? (69-76)
14. Read King Claudius' question to Laertes in lines 141-143 and note Laertes response in line 144. With this in mind, compare Laertes and Hamlet in the way they each goes about getting revenge.
15. How do Laertes and Claudius plan to kill Hamlet? (lines 145-186)
16. What happens to Ophelia at the end of act 4?

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Scene 1

1. What are the grave diggers debating over? (lines 1-32)
2. How does the grave digger answer Hamlet's questions? (line 118-167, but focus on line 140)
3. How does Shakespeare make fun of his own country? (lines 155-157)
4. About how old is Hamlet? (lines 145-163)
5. Quote 3 examples of Hamlet's use of Hyperbole at Ophelia's funeral. (lines 281-301)

Scene 2

6. What does Hamlet find while on the ship to England? (lines 15-29)
7. How does Hamlet accomplish his revenge on Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? (lines 33-63)
8. How does Hamlet justify his revenge on Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? (lines 64-69)
9. What is Hamlet's opinion of Osric? (lines 94-101)
10. What message does Osric bring and what is Hamlet's response?
11. What is Horatio's opinion about Hamlet's above response? (lines 220-222)
12. Who arrives at the end of the play? What is his reaction to what he finds in Denmark? (lines 400-449)
13. How many people die in this play? List them, and the manner in which they died.