

Hamlet book survey

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Who is the first character to see the ghost?

Marcellus

How is Claudius related to Hamlet before marrying Gertrude?

He is the brother of Hamlet's father, and therefore Hamlet's uncle

What does Laertes warn Ophelia against?

Falling in love with Hamlet

Who does the ghost beckon the second time he appears in the play?

Hamlet

What does the ghost ask Hamlet to do in the next scene?

Avenge his death by murdering Claudius

Who does Claudius ask to keep an eye on Hamlet?

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What reason does Polonius offer for Hamlet's madness?

He loves Ophelia

Claudius is _____ when Hamlet decides he could kill him, but holds off.

Praying

Who overhears the "To be or not to be" speech in Act III?

Polonius and Claudius

Who killed Hamlet's father?

Claudius

Who kills Polonius?

Hamlet

Where is Polonius when he is killed?

Hiding behind a curtain

Why does Claudius send Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to England?

To order Hamlet's death

Who does Hamlet address in the graveyard, while holding the skull?

Yorick

What causes Ophelia's death?

Drowning

" Brevity is the soul of wit.

"

Polonius

" Get thee to a nunnery!"

Hamlet

" A little more than kin, and less than kind."

Hamlet

" Frailty, thy name is a woman!"

Hamlet

“ A countenance more in sorrow than anger.”

Horatio

“ Neither a borrower nor a lender be.”

Polonius

“ Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.”

Marcellus

“ O, woe is me/To have seen what I have seen, see what I see!”

Ophelia

“ The lady doth protest too much, methinks.”

Gertrude

“ Though this be madness, yet there's method in ' t.”

Polonius

Who becomes King of Denmark in the end of the play?

Fortinbras

How did Hamlet's father die?

Poison was poured into his ear

Where do Rosencrantz and Guildenstern die?

England

What does Hamlet call Polonius after finding him dead?

“ intruding fool”

How does Hamlet cause the death of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
switches the order for their death for the paper they carry ordering his

Whom does Polonius send to France to spy on Laertes?

Reynaldo

Where does the ghost appear during the play?

The castle ramparts and Gertrude's bedchamber

How did Claudius murder King Hamlet?

By pouring poison into his ear

Where is the university at which Horatio and Hamlet studied?

Wittenberg

Whose skull does Hamlet discover in the churchyard?

The former court jester's

Which of the following characters cannot see the ghost?

Gertrude

Who escorts Hamlet on the voyage to England?

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

Where do Hamlet and Laertes fight during Ophelia's funeral?

Inside the grave itself

Which of the following characters survive the play?

Fortinbras, Horatio, and Osric

What does Hamlet claim to be able to tell the difference between when the wind is from the south?

A hawk and a handsaw

In whose history of Denmark did Shakespeare find background material for his play?

Saxo Grammaticus

How does Ophelia die?

She drowns in the river.

Whose story does Hamlet ask the players to tell upon their arrival to Elsinore?

Priam and Hecuba's

Who is the last character to die in the play?

Hamlet

How many characters die during the course of the play?

Eight

Who killed Fortinbras's father?

Hamlet's father

Which character speaks the first line of the play?

Bernardo

Which of Claudius and Laertes' traps for Hamlet succeeds in killing him?

The poisoned sword

Which character speaks from beneath the stage toward the end of Act I?

The ghost

Who returns Hamlet to Denmark after his exile?

A group of pirates