

# AN ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT CHARACTERS IN HAMLET BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

*Read an in-depth analysis of Hamlet. Claudius - The King of Denmark, Hamlet's uncle, and the play's antagonist. The villain of the play, Claudius is a calculating, .*

Hamlet is certainly the Pete Sampras of wordplay. Instead of changing through the course of the play, she remains suffering in the misfortunes perpetrated upon her. His loneliness deepens, as he is unable to arrive at a decision. Also, critics have often attempted to explain or interpret the actions of Hamlet in this play; the great Dr. Hamlet, for example, is a compelling character because he is complicated. Hamlet dominates the play and is possibly the most discussed and controversial character in the world of plays. Ophelia: I think nothing, my lord. Any subject. His mind was disturbed and he was determined to take revenge especially when he was convinced of the identity of the murderer. Yet he holds back his sword--his heart does not seem to lie in its blade. Hamlet is seeking the avengement of his father, which requires the use of violence. Although he is dressed in black to signify his mourning, his emotions run deeper than his appearance or words can convey. Ophelia has issues surviving without a male influence, and her downfall is when all the men in her life abandon her. She is obedient, agreeing not to see Hamlet anymore at her father's suggestion and spying on Hamlet when asked by Claudius. The actual recognition of his love for Ophelia can only come when Hamlet realizes that she is dead, and free from her tainted womanly trappings: I loved Ophelia: forty thousand brothers Could not, with all their quantity of love, Make up my sum. Polonius shows the king and queen letters written by Hamlet to Ophelia. He is extremely philosophical and contemplative. Throughout the play, Hamlet claims to be feigning madness, but his portrayal of a madman is so convincing that it begins to make me believe that Hamlet is actually becoming insane at certain moments in the play. Hamlet: That's a fair thought to lie between maids' legs. No matter how many ways critics examine him, no absolute truth emerges. This also brings out the brutal character that he was. As a person, Hamlet experiences a wide range of emotions linked with specific events, such as being betrayed by his friends and family which causes him much grief and despair that eventually leads to a state of utter melancholy. There are two significant ways Claudius acts as a foil for Hamlet. Words are Hamlet's constant companions, his weapons, and his defenses. This act of treachery by Gertrude, whom Hamlet obviously loved greatly at one time, rips the very fabric of Hamlet's being, and he tortures himself with memories of his late father's tenderness towards his mother: So excellent a king, that was to this Hyperion to a satyr, so loving to my mother, That he might not beteem the winds of heaven Visit her face too roughly; heaven and earth, Must I remember? One year. He remains calculating and unloving throughout the play, driven by his ambition and lust. Continue Reading. Hamlet expresses his depression with the situation and his grudge toward his mother with a sarcastic statement that connects the funeral and the marriage. Hamlet: I mean, my head upon your lap? McConnell, Heron. But Hamlet is not expressing his desire for Ophelia; he is not lost in the fog of his own madness. What does it mean to be insane. The most significant and fundamental of all the different types of conflicts within Hamlet, Prince of Denmark are those which occur within each of the characters. In the beginning he behaved like most boys who just lostâ€¦. Shakespeare Online References Bradley, A. In one scene, his characters play a set of tennis where words serve as balls and rackets. This brings out the reckless trait in him yet he was overtly cautious when he took a long time to kill Claudius. Hamlet: Character Analysis. The conundrum that is Hamlet stems from the fact that every time we look at him, he is different. When Hamlet kills her father, Ophelia goes mad and drowns in the river.