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Hamlet Act 3 and 4

- p. 147- King gets excited
- p. 119d- to be or not to be
- p. 163- kills Polonius
- p. 185- politic worms eating Polonius
- p. 169c- ghost of Hamlet's father appears only to Hamlet and not his mother
- p. 193- full element of revenge
- p. 123- beauty transforms honesty easier than honesty transforms beauty
- p. 137-144- the play Hamlet directs to see how the king reacts to it
- p. 161- doesn't kill Claudius because he is praying
- p. 123-125- get thee to a nunnery, why be a breeder of sinners
- p. 161- king unable to pray, unable to find forgiveness
  
- p. 119d To be or not to be
  - Hamlet contemplates whether to kill himself, wonders how it will affect his afterlife.
  - afraid he'd sacrifice Heaven
  - saying things because he knows someone is listening?
  - indecision
    - goes with his state of mind
  - death is the unknown
    - no answer until your there
  - why is he contemplating suicide?
    - nothing going for him
  
- p. 123 Bad turn good to bad; good can't turn bad to good
  - good has rules
  - good looking girls don't have to be nice—John Hansen
  
- p. 125 Get thee to a nunnery, don't be breeder of sinners
  - Hamlet thinks she's innocent
  - better to isolate away from slings and arrows or to live life?
    - to be or not to be
  - Hamlet has pessimistic outlook
  - Does he trust her?
    - whats an act and whats real?
  - Ophelia gives Hamlet tokens of love back to him
  - what was Claudius expecting from Hamlet?
    - king wanted madness to be because of love for Ophelia
      - not because he killed Hamlet's father
  - is his actions typical of a breakup?

- p. 137-144 The play to provoke Claudius
- want to find king's guilt
    - make king look bad in front of nobility
  - Hamlet meticulous and thoughtful
    - can't be truly crazy
  - Hamlet did play to prove to himself that he's not crazy
    - justification for killing Claudius
    - save face
- p. 147 King gets nervous
- why does the king not control himself?
    - Hamlet trapped him into doing it
  - like Tell Tale Heart, can't take it after awhile
  - Hamlet takes some specific shots at Claudius
    - Claudius regrets killing Hamlet sr.
    - are they shots against his mother too?
  - do you think these are the lines Hamlet added?
- p. 161 Trying to find forgiveness and Hamlet not killing Claudius because he's praying
- Hamlet will get more revenge if he kills Claudius doing something bad
    - killed while doing something bad—hell
    - killed while doing something good—Heaven
  - if he has the restraint not to kill Claudius, Hamlet is not crazy
  - or is his madness that he justifies putting off killing so many times
    - can't make up his mind
  - can Claudius' sins be forgiven
    - not willing to give up the things he needed to
- p. 169c- Ghost appears to Hamlet, but not his mother
- why does the ghost not show itself to the queen?
    - what if the Queen's in on it
  - if the Queen saw the ghost won't she help Hamlet?
  - does the queen have guilt for marrying Claudius
    - or a victim of circumstance?