

## Hamlet 4.5 – 5.2

### Quotes

- 201 – “Laertes shall be King”
- 219 – King explains love
- 223 – Ophelia dies
- 237 – Hamlet and the skull
- 241 – Hamlet and Laertes fight in Ophelia’s grave
- 243 – Hamlet wants to be buried with Ophelia
- 247 – Hamlet has Rosencrantz and Guildenstern killed
- 268 – Everyone dies in the end
- 271 – Horatio tries to drink from the poisoned cup

### Discussion

#### King explains love

- Love takes time, love weakens, and it dies with excess
- Claudius tries to guilt Laertes into killing Hamlet for him

#### Differences between Laertes and Hamlet

- Similar backgrounds—both want to avenge father’s death
- Hamlet makes his own decisions while Laertes is easily influenced

#### Ophelia’s death—was it a suicide?

- Most said no, her garments got wet and made them too heavy
- Possible symbolism—she did not make her own choices

#### Hamlet and the skull

- Hamlet has an intelligent view on life, everyone eventually turns to dust
- He claims that nothing is worth it anymore

#### The grave

- Hamlet realizes how much he loves Ophelia now that she is dead
- He is slow to react because he wants to do the right thing

#### Rosencrantz and Guildenstern killed

- Pathetically loyal to Claudius and got outsmarted by Hamlet

#### Everyone dies—tragedy

- Why did Gertrude die?
- She may have been involved, better safe than sorry

#### Horatio tries to drink from cup

- Hamlet does not let him so that he can keep Hamlet’s name alive
- Horatio was a good friend and prevented Hamlet from going too far