

**Study Guide Questions – ACT TWO**

As you read the play, answer the following questions. Some of the questions will ask you simple questions about what is happening in the play, while others will ask you to think deeper and explore the text's meaning.

**Act II** -----

## Character Description

Reynaldo	
Rosencrantz	
Guildenstern	
First Player	

1. Where does Polonius send Reynaldo? Why?
2. How does Polonius explain Hamlet's strange behavior?
3. How would you describe the interaction between Hamlet and Polonius?
4. Why have Rosencrantz and Guildenstern come to the castle?
5. What is Polonius' plan for testing his theory that Hamlet is love-crazy?

6. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern finally meet with Hamlet, and Hamlet discovers they were sent for by the King. How does Hamlet describe his personal problems to them? What does he tell them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What arrangement does Hamlet make with the First Player?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. In Hamlet's third soliloquy (*starts on pg. 49*), what is he upset about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What has provoked this frustration he discussed in his third soliloquy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. We see Hamlet alone here, with no audience for his madness. Do you believe he is really, truly crazy? Why or Why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Why does Hamlet feel he should not seek revenge immediately?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What plan has Hamlet concocted at the end of his third soliloquy? (*see page 50*)