

Writing Response for Act III of "Hamlet"

Literary analysts have criticized Hamlet for his inaction. He's been given a direct order by his father's ghost to exact revenge upon Claudius, and it has taken Hamlet three acts to do much of anything. Is the frame-play another form of Hamlet stalling or choosing not to act/move? Give your opinion with evidence.

The questionable appearance of the ghost in scene iv (p. 75) is another bit of fuel for the "Hamlet's really crazy" discussion. Based on his actions and speech, what is your assessment? How does the possibility of Hamlet being insane change your perspective of the play? Are there other scenes in which you would see similar points? Consider how would you explain the appearance of the ghost in Act One, scenes one, four, and five?

Write a 15 line (minimum) response to one or both of the above writing prompts.

Be as specific as possible in your response. If you are quoting lines in the play, be sure to include the correct page number where the quote can be found. The 15 lines assigned DOES NOT include quotes.

MLA Format is to be used and your grade will reflect proper use.

Remember **NOT** to use "you/your", "I believe...", "I think...", "In my opinion...", "In conclusion..."

Due date is Tuesday, Dec. 13

(Please note that even though you may be scheduled for some type of school event/field trip, you are still responsible to turn in your paper before/after school either at the classroom or in the teacher's mailbox)