

Grieving over the death of a loved one takes a drastic toll on an individual. It is a normal emotion for any human being to experience in their lifetime. In Prince Hamlet's case, he is, without a doubt going through this human emotion. However it is taken to new heights once he encounters the spirit of his recently deceased father. As soon as the young prince receives the shocking information given directly to him, his internal emotions switch gears from grief to internal rage. Now that his inner emotions are sky high, the young prince is on the road to his deterioration into madness. In Act One Scene Five, after Prince Hamlet's paranormal experience, he stands alone trying everything in his power to compose himself, and take in the information that was given to him so suddenly. "O villain, villain, smiling, damned villain! My tables- meet it is I set it down that one may smile and smile and be a villain. At least I am sure it may be so in Denmark. So, uncle, there you are. Now to my word. It is "adieu, adieu, remember me". I have sworn't" (Shakespeare, 1.5 lines 113-119). From the young prince's perspective, this is the turning point for his emotions. At this exact moment, Hamlet's emotions slowly transition into confusion, and anger towards his uncle Claudius. Once he recognizes his enraged state, the prince vows to seek revenge against his deceiving uncle for his secret crime that he has kept hidden from everyone around him, particularly Gertrude and Hamlet. Another situation where Prince Hamlet internally battles with his emotions is when he is about to kill Claudius after the presentation of the play. However, he discovers his uncle praying to God, and he is asking for forgiveness of his sinful deed. "Now might I do it <pat, > now he is a praying, and now I'll do it. And so he goes to heave, And so am I <revenged. > That would be scanned: A villain kills my father, and for that, I, his sole son, do this same villain send to heaven" (Shakespeare, 3.3 lines 77-83). At this moment, Prince Hamlet was given the ultimate opportunity to officially end his uncle's life. However, he comes to the realization that if he does murder his uncle while in prayer to God, he fears that his uncle's immortal soul will be forgiven of his sinful crime, and give him passage to heaven. In the end, the young prince withdraws from his intended plan, and waits for the next proper moment to complete his act of vengeance, but the prince knew very well that this might have been the only opportunity.