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British Literature: English 12

*Hamlet* Final Essay

**Prompt:**

Choose a central theme from *Hamlet*, and, in a 5 paragraph essay in MLA format, explain its development over the course of the play, showing where & how that theme appears and analyzing Shakespeare's messages about that theme.

**Theme Options:**

- Poison, Corruption, Death
- Religion, Honor, Revenge
- Appearance vs. Reality
- The Position of Women in Society
- Action vs. Action

**Important Dates:**

- **Essay Assigned:** Thursday, December 11th
- **Rough Draft Due:** Wednesday, December 17th
- **Final Draft Due:** Friday, December 19th

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## 5 Paragraph Graphic Organizer

### **1. Introduction**

b. Connect “hook” to topic:

c. Background Info:

d. Thesis Statement:

### **2. 1st Body Paragraph**

a. Transition & Topic Sentence:

b. Introduce Quote #1:

c. Quote #1:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

e. Introduce Quote #2:

c. Quote #2:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

### **3. 2nd Body Paragraph**

a. Transition & Topic Sentence:

b. Introduce Quote #3:

c. Quote #3:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

e. Introduce Quote #4:

c. Quote #4:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

#### **4. 3rd Body Paragraph**

a. Transition & Topic Sentence:

b. Introduce Quote #5:

c. Quote #5:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

e. Introduce Quote #6:

c. Quote #6:

d. Explain the quote's importance:

## **5. Conclusion**

a. Restate Thesis:

b. Restate main ideas:

c. Leave the reader with something interesting to think about: