

***Hamlet* Unit Outline and Expectations**

In class work: We will be reading/viewing/listening to the play together as a class. This is not to say that you should only read the play once and expect to understand everything! It is expected that you will gain a basic understanding in class of the plot, and then go home to analyze further elements such as theme, character and literary devices.

Scene Packs: For each act I will be distributing a scene pack that will ask you to analyze three different elements of the text. These three elements were carefully selected to give you a well developed, analytic understanding of the text. These are to be completed in your learning logs. You are not allowed to write the Act tests until you show me that you have completed your scene packs and have it initialled by me. Each scene pack will ask you to analyze the following:

- *Literary devices:* I will identify how many literary devices I would like you to identify, and quote for each scene.
- *Character Analysis:* I will identify a few key characters in each scene and ask you to identify a number of characteristics about that character. You will need to give at least one quote to support your answer. This section acts as a great study tool for your essay.
- *Summary and theme:* This part asks you to write a paragraph summary with a given number of quotes that must be integrated correctly.

***Note: If you copy the scene packs off of friends or fail to do them, you are only hurting yourself. The questions from the act tests will for the most part come directly from what was discussed in class and what is in the scene packs. So completing these acts as a review.

Act Tests: After each Act there will be an Act test. There are three parts to the Act tests: Literary device analysis, character analysis, and discussion of plot (which comes from your summary)

Final Synthesis Activity: In class we will be doing a synthesis activity where we will watch a film adaptation of *Hamlet*. (If Time)

Final Research Essay: We will be doing a final research essay at the end of the unit. Your scene packs will greatly help you with organizing this essay and helping you choose a topic about the play that intrigues you.

Final Project: You will be completing a final project for this unit which will give you a creative opportunity to show your understanding of the play. See project handout for more detail on criteria and evaluation.