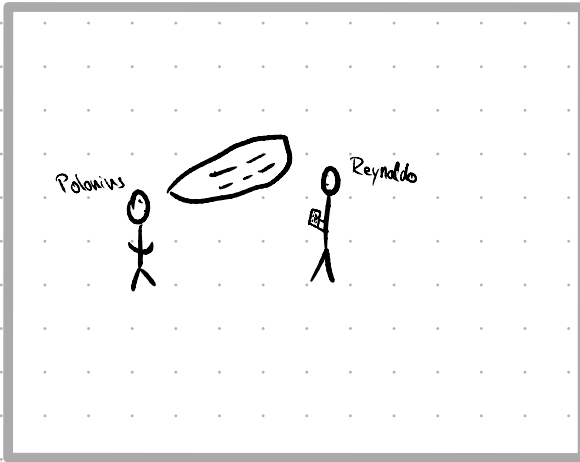


# HAMLET ACT 2: PLOTLINE (I)

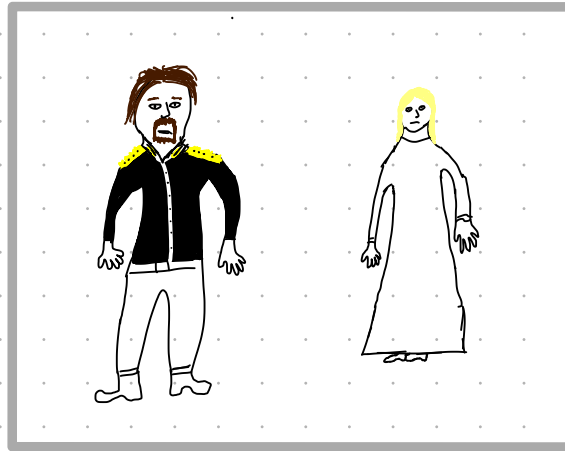
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## Scene



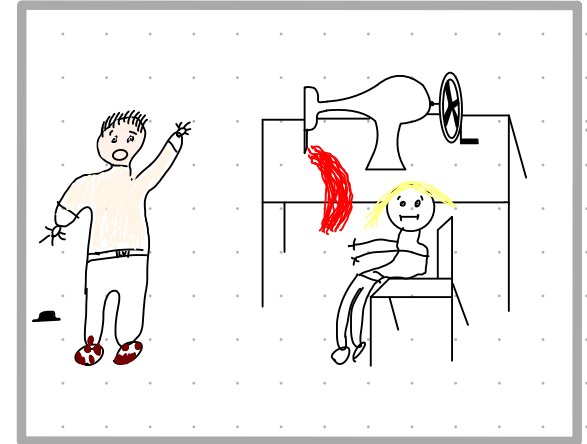
Polonius tells Reynaldo to spy in Paris for Leartes and find out who is there, how they are living, why they are there and how wealthy they are.

## Scene



Ophelia came in to tell that she has been worried by prince Hamlet

## Scene

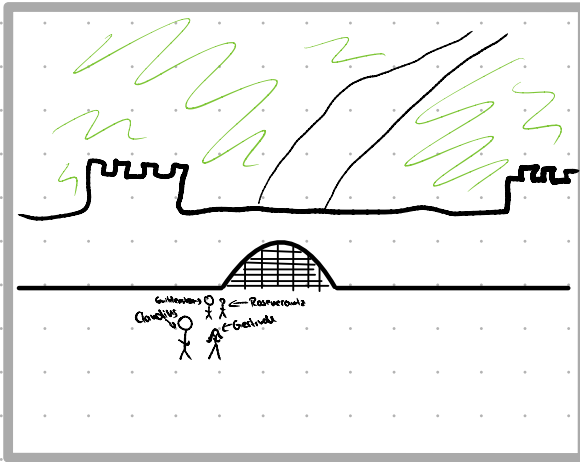


Hamlet came to the room of Ophelia with no hat on, dirty socks, pale (pale) as his shirt and he looks like he had been loosed out of hell.

# HAMLET ACT 2: PLOTLINE (II)

Task: Draw a characteristic picture for each scene and summarize its content in your own words.

## Scene



Claudius and Gertrude welcome

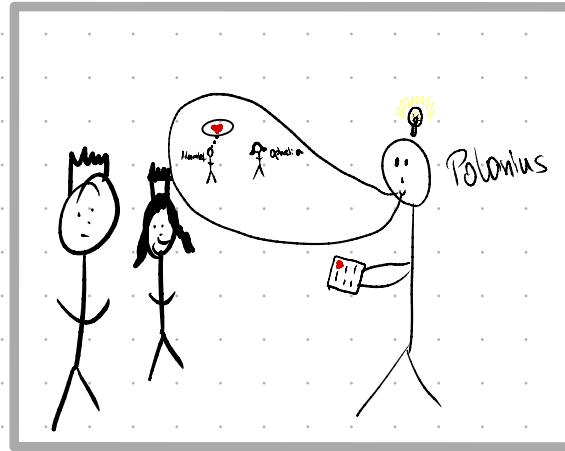
Guildenstern and Rosencrantz. Both are old

friends of Hamlet from Wittenberg. They were called

to stay with prince Hamlet, because of his bad mental

conditions after his father's death.

## Scene



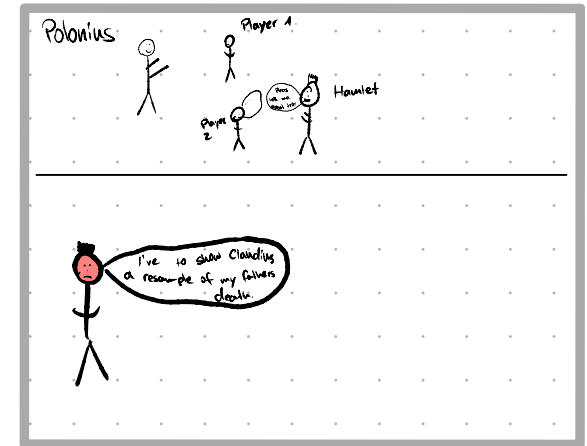
Polonius declares prince Hamlet is in love

with Ophelia by showing love letters to the

royals. He proposed a plan to show them

he is right. → King agreed

## Scene



Polonius announced the arrival of the players

Hamlet asked one to take a speech about the fall of the

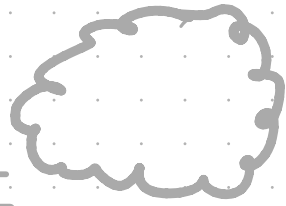
Troy-empire. He referred the speech to his father's murder

and want to build a trap for Claudius.

Hamlet want to force Claudius to watch the

rewritten version, where references are in to King Hamlet's murder

# HAMLET ACT



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- ① Draw or explain the conflict in your act
- ② Find one or two striking quotes from your act & explain their meanings for all the three topics

### ① CONFLICT

In this act there is a conflict between Hamlet and Rosenzanz and Guildenstern.

Guildenstern and Rosenzanz have the assignment of King Claudius to spy on him because he wants to know why he is acting so unusual. Hamlet notices that his childhood friends spy on him. He plans to rewrite a play of a drama group so that the murder of his father is exactly recreated and his uncle confesses to the murder.

### ② ROLE OF WOMEN

"O dear Ophelia, I am still at these numbers. I have not art to recon my groans, but that I love thee best, O most best, believe it." (l. 161-163, p. 581)

This quote shows that Ophelia is driving Hamlet crazy because Hamlet loves her but she distances him.

### FATE VS. FREE WILL

"When she saw made malicious sport in mincing with his sword her husbands limbs. The instant burst of clamour that she made, unless mortal move them not at all,..." (p. 70, l. 635-638)

### MORALITY

"So much as from occasion you may glean, whether aught to us unknown, afflict him thus, that opened eyes within our remedy" (l. 19-21, p. 55)

King Claudius commands Rosenzanz and Guildenstern to spy on Hamlet, to find out what afflicts him. It's morally really questionable to use the childhood friends of Hamlet to get the information he needs.