

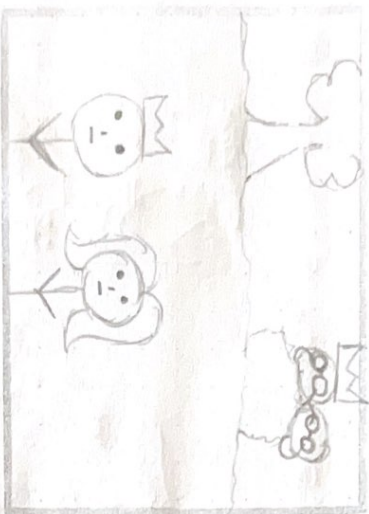
# HAMLET ACT



## III : PLOTLINE (II)

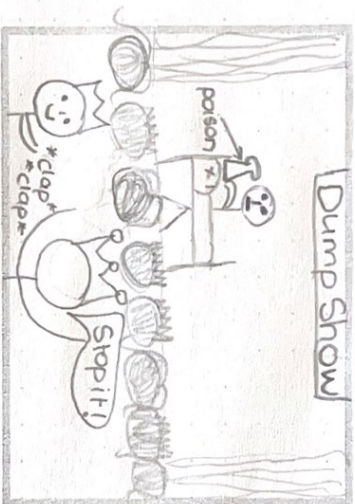
Task: Draw a characteristic picture for each scene and summarize its content in your own words.

Scene 1



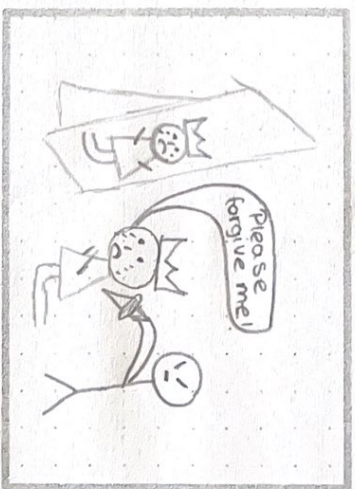
Claudius and Polonius observe Hamlet and Ophelia. They want to find out if Hamlet really loves her.

Scene 2



The "dump show" before the play shows how the former king was killed. Hamlet is laughing while Claudius wants the show to be stopped.

Scene 3



Claudius regrets killing his brother and starts to pray. Hamlet knows that now is his chance to kill him, but decides not to do it cause he's praying. He wants to do it later.



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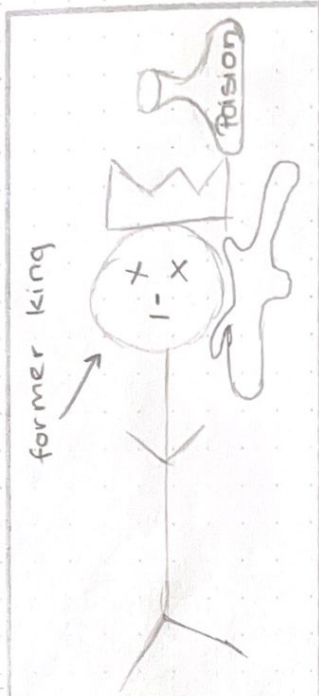
## 3

### 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

the conflict is still that  
Claudius killed the former  
King. And Hamlet now wants  
to take revenge for his father.

### CONFLICT



### ROLE OF WOMEN

"For the power of beauty will  
sooner transform honesty from  
what it is to be a bowd. (whore)"  
- Hamlet to Ophelia Act 3, Scene 1  
ll. 100  
Hamlet says that beauty is  
more likely to change a good  
girl into a whore.  
He is insulting to Ophelia's  
chastity (Keuschheit)  
- Hamlet criticizes woman for  
making man behave like monsters

### FATE VS. FREE WILL

The revenge by Hamlet  
wasn't a free will, because  
he got the duty of revenge  
from his father (the ghost).  
Hamlet thinks, that it's  
his fate to act like he  
did,

### MORALITY

"to be or not to be, that is  
the question"  
- Hamlet, Act 3 scene 1,  
p. 82 ll. 90  
famous line of Shakespeare  
In the whole trouble  
Hamlet asks himself  
if it's worth to live his life