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Hamlet: Act 4 Study Guide

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Act 4, scene 1:

1. After learning of Polonius' death, what is the King's reaction? Why?
2. What does Gertrude tell Claudius about the murder of Polonius?
3. "*He weeps for what is done.*" Why according to Gertrude, does Hamlet weep?

Act 4, scene 2:

1. Where did Hamlet hide the body of Polonius?

Act 4, scene 3:

1. "*Yet must not we put the strong law on him.*" Why does Claudius decide not to punish Hamlet to the full extent of the law?

2. Complete the quotation using two words. "*Your _____ king and your _____ beggar is but variable service, two dishes, but one table.*"

3. Claudius writes to the King of England. What request does he make?

Act 4, scene 4:

1. Where is Fortinbras' army going?

2. The dispute in which Fortinbras is involved with is over what?

3. What does *procrastination* mean?

4. Complete the quotation: "*O from this time forth, my thoughts be _____, or nothing worth!*"

Act 4, scene 5:

1. Identify the speaker, *To my sick soul, as sin's true nature is, Each toy seems prologue to some great amiss, So full of artless jealousy is guilt, It spills itself in fearing to be split.*"

2. Ophelia is insane. To what does Claudius attribute her madness?
3. What demand is made by the angry mob that is protesting outside?
4. Whom does Laertes initially blame for the death of Polonius? How is he a foil for Hamlet?
5. What does Ophelia distribute to the King and Queen before she dies? What is the significance of these items?

Act 4, scene 6:

1. How did Hamlet escape from Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
2. In his letter, what does Hamlet ask Horatio to do?

Act 4, scene 7:

1. According to the gentleman from Normandy, Laertes is excellent at what?

2. Complete the quotation from Claudius. "*No place indeed should murder sanctuarise. _____ should have no bounds.*"
3. Explain Laertes and Claudius' plan to kill Hamlet.
4. According to Gertrude, how did Ophelia die?