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Hamlet: Act 5 Study Guide

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Act 5, scene 1:

1. The gravediggers discuss where and how Ophelia is to be buried. How does the issue of suicide affect the burial?
2. According to one of the gravediggers, who builds “*stronger than either the mason, the shipwright, or the carpenter*”?
3. Who was Yurick? How long has he been dead?
4. When Hamlet reflects on death, and considers the great becoming dust and clay, which historical figure does he NOT mention?
5. Complete the quote with which Hamlet identifies himself to the funeral party. “*This is I, Hamlet the _____.*”
6. Why does Hamlet attack Laertes in the graveyard?

Act 5, scene 2:

1. Identify the speaker. *"There's a divinity that shapes our ends, Rough-hew them how we will."*
2. In Hamlet's forged letter to the King of England, what request did he make?
3. Who is Osric?
4. On whom does Claudius place a huge bet in the fencing match between Hamlet and Laertes?
5. Complete the quote. *"There's a special providence in the fall of a _____. If it be now, 'tis not to come...The readiness is all."*
6. Complete the quote from Claudius. *"She swoons to see them _____."*
7. How does Gertrude die?

8. Identify the speaker. "*The King, the King's to blame.*"
9. What are Hamlet's last words?
10. Whom does Hamlet name the next King of Denmark?
11. How does each character die?
12. Who is the only Danish character surviving at the end of the play?
13. Who speaks the final lines in the play, in which he commends Hamlet as a prince who would have been a great king?
14. Who will be the next King of Denmark?