

CPWS: Hamlet

What choices was Hamlet pondering in his “To be or not to be?” soliloquy?

Hamlet saw his father’s ghost who was a old king. He told Hamlet that he was killed by Hamlet’s uncle and wanted Hamlet to revenge for him. But Hamlet was not sure about his father’s ghost that it was real or not. So he pondered about to revenge and not revenge for his father.

What challenge did he face in his life at that time? What would you have done in his situation?

He saw his father’ ghost who told him that he was poisoned by his uncle who was became new king and wanted Hamlet to revenge for him. But he was not sure that what his father’s ghost said was true or not since he did not know that ghost was real or not.

If I were Hamlet, I would try to find the truth and to prove what was happening before doing anything without thinking.

What did Hamlet decide to do? What things did he do (or not do) that eventually led to the tragic end of the play?

He decided to prove that his father’s ghost was telling the truth or not by pretending to be crazy and setting up the play which was about the death of the king who was poisoned so that he could see the reaction of his uncle. When he knew the truth he decided to take the revenge for his father. However, he accidently killed his uncle’s consultant. This caused consultant’s son decided to revenge on Hamlet which led to the tragic end.

What do his actions say of his personality? What kind of man was Hamlet?

Hamlet would be a indecisive person since he was not sure about the ghost. However, his personality would be a thoughtful or careful person since he tried to prove that it was true or not by pretending to be crazy and setting up the plan so that he could know the truth.

Do you think Hamlet was overcome with insanity during the course of the play?

I think yes since he could prove himself that the ghost was real when he saw his father’s ghost walked by but his mother saw nothing. Therefore, this made him believed that he was not insanity.