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

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles

And by opposing end them.

Which mean that he should believe the soul and revenge by kill his uncle or that soul could be evil soul that wants to destroy his empire.

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

His father was assassinated. Therefore, his uncle becomes a new king. His mom remarry to his uncle in a few months. He also lost the right to be next king. Then he saw a soul that tells him that it is his father soul. It also tells him that his uncle kills him and asks him to revenge for it. If I were him I will rebel the throne and exile my uncle and my mother.

3. 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 decides to test his uncle whether he really kill his father or not. By hiring the circus and tell them to perform exactly what he known from the soul how his father die. His uncle react to the play by tell them to stop. This make his uncle tries to get rid of hamlet.

And now hamlet know that his uncle really kill his father so he want to kill him but he kill the wrong person. This lead to vengeance and lead to tragic end of the play.

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

He really loves his father. He is smart that he pretend that he is crazy to buy time to think about plan to test his uncle. He also thoughtful he did not believe the ghost immediately. However, his heart is so cold that he can give up his love from a woman to achieve his plan. He is somewhat cruel man he can kill two persons and act like not thing was happened.

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

I do not think he is insane because insane people cannot think about plan like him. He always know what is he doing and what effect might come after his action.