

## CPWS: Hamlet

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

Hamlet had two choices in his mind, living and death. He considered that living was an action suffering an outrageous attack or a surrender of that attack. On the contrary, death was the solution that might solve a problem immediately.

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

The Ghost that asserted itself as his father appeared to him and told any truth about the death. Moreover, it ordered him to revenge for his father by killing King Claudius who succeeded the throne by murdered his father.

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 revenge for his father. He tried to murder Claudius but before his success, he had to forsake all whom he loved like his mother, his girlfriend or even himself. He pretended to be mad and had killed Polonius, his girlfriend’s father, mistakenly. His actions brought him a losing of people whom he loved and finally, he also lost his life.

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

His “To be or Not to be” soliloquy could be his actions saying of his personality. First, he had met the Ghost that asserted itself as his father. He did not believe immediately that it was his father. This action shows that he was quite careful. Moreover, when he decided to revenge for his father, it shows that he was grateful. However, his pondering in his “To be or Not to be” soliloquy shows his confusion and hesitation that he should do or should not.

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

Not quite. During his beginning insanity, he made everyone believe that he was mad especially Claudius, he did not suspect Hamlet. However, his pretending insanity had been kept watching by Polonius. Eventually, Hamlet had made a mistake in his artifice that made Claudius doubted him and tried to eliminate him. Thus, Hamlet was overcome and was not overcome with insanity during the course of this play.