

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

- Whether to avenge the death of his father the king by killing his uncle who killed the king to take his throne or to tolerate it.

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

- Avenging the death of his father meant that he should kill his own uncle who is now the husband of his mother. Also, he had to give up the relationship with Ophelia. If I was in the same situation, I would have killed Claudius straight away instead of killing Polonius making my loved one to go completely insane and her brother to become my enemy.

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 killed Polonius who is the father of Laertes and Ophelia. As a result, Ophelia became insane and Laertes seek to avenge the death of his father. During the fencing match Hamlet decides not to drink the wine and the Queen drinks it instead without knowing that it is poisoned. He decides to use Laertes's poisoned sword during the fencing match killing Laertes and his uncle with it. But he was already attacked with the sword before, so everyone dies.

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

- I think he was once a good man, but after he learned that his father was murdered by his uncle he became obsessive about avenging the death of his father.

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

- No, I think he grew more and more insane. He was mentally weak after his father's death, and when he learned that his father was murdered by his uncle he became totally insane, seeing illusion of his dead father. His insanity grew after he learned that Ophelia was dead.