

CPWS: Hamlet

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

Hamlet was debating to himself whether or not to commit suicide.

What challenge did he face in his life at that time?

What would you have done in his situation?

Hamlet found out that his father was poison by his own uncle to death. His uncle, Claudius succeeded the throne and married with his mother. Prince Hamlet decided to take revenge. If I were prince Hamlet, I would probably do the same thing because the rage was too much to bare.

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

Prince Hamlet set up a play, showing the murder of his father by Claudius. Hamlet studied Claudius' reaction to ensure that Claudius was his father's murderer. Hamlet confronted his mother, Polonius was listening. Hamlet killed Polonius. Laertes, Polonius' son, found out, he was angry. He held a fencing match. The sword Laertes used was poisonous, and Claudius prepared a toxic drink. Gertrude drank the drink and died. Laertes and Hamlet was killed with the sword. Before Hamlet died, he stabbed Claudius with the sword.

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

Hamlet was grievous. Since the beginning of the play, he was mournful.

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

No, because Hamlet was never mad. Others thought that Prince Hamlet was insane because he saw King Hamlet's ghost while others didn't.