

CPWS: Hamlet

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

“To be or not to be?” is about pros and cons of committing suicide. And in Hamlet’s soliloquy implies that most people do not commit suicide because they do not know what’s exactly like maybe the afterlife is worse than living in misery.

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

At that time he was pondering why was it so hard to exist in his misery. He thought he was being tortured by the evil which told him to avenge for his father and he was hesitating to murder his uncle. If I were Prince Hamlet, I would decide not to kill Claudius. Because I knew that I would get nothing from just one vengeance but grief for the rest of my life.

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

Hamlet decided to avenge for his father. And when Gertrude asked Hamlet to have a conversation in her room. Hamlet misunderstood that who was standing behind the curtain was Claudius. So Hamlet stabbed him to death. Unfortunately, it was Polonius which led to the tragic end of the play.

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

As Hamlet acts in this play implying that he was very strong person to have such a great brave to avenge for this father. But as his soliloquy also implied that he was an introverted person and the kind of person who did not want to have such a large obligation upon his shoulders.

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

I do not think that Hamlet was insane but it was just a reflection of his self doubt whether he should murder Claudius or not. It was just his fear as he decides what action to take.