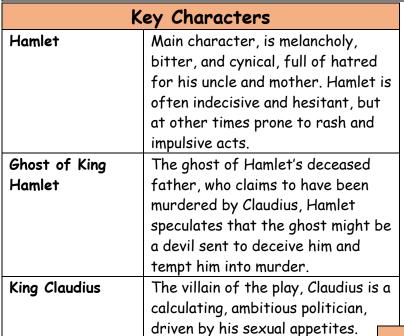
Year 9 'Romeo and Juliet' Knowledge Organiser

Important information

Plot: The ghost of the King of Denmark tells his son, Hamlet to avenge his murder by killing the new king, Hamlet's uncle. Hamlet feigns madness, contemplates life and death, and seeks revenge. His uncle, fearing for his life, also devises plots to kill Hamlet. The play ends with a duel, during which the King, Queen, Hamlet's opponent and Hamlet himself are all killed.

Themes: Family, friendship, madness and revenge.

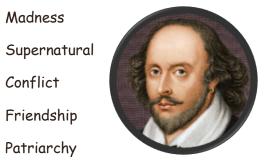
Setting: Elsinore Castle, Denmark



Context

William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and Hamlet was written towards the end of Queen Elizabeth's rule when the English people were nervous about succession. Queen Elizabeth's long reign represented a time of peace after lengthy turmoil.

Key vocabulary



Society
Revenge
Traditions
Tragedy
Honour

Zoom in single word analysis $\langle \langle \rangle$

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Key terminology

Allusions	To call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly
Foreshadowing	A warning or indication of (a future event)
Metaphors	A comparison stating something is another thing that is not literally true.

Key quotations

'To be, or not to be: that is the question'.

'O that this too too solid flesh would melt'.

'Get thee to a nunnery!'

'The lady doth protest too much, methinks'.

'Something is rotten in the state of Denmark'.

'There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, / Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.'

'Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio.'