

HAMLET

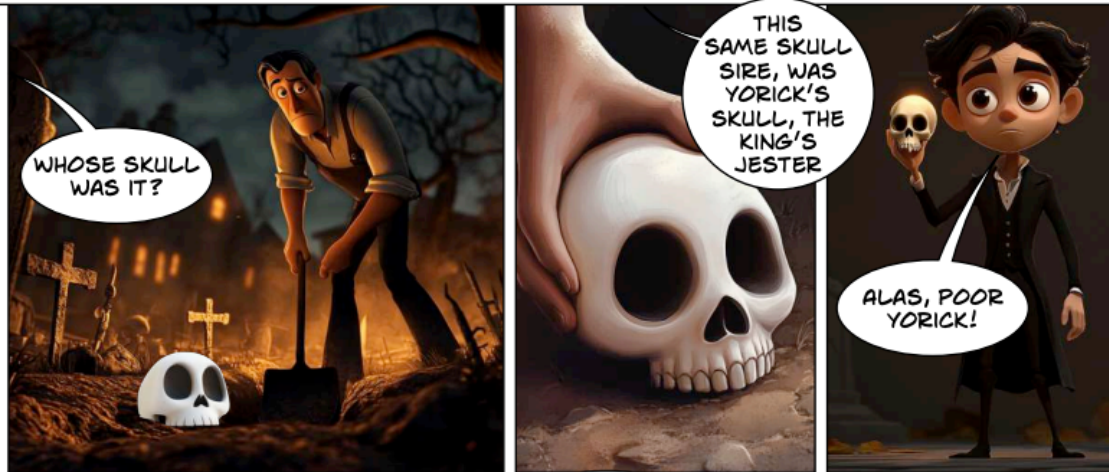
READING COMPREHENSION

ACT 5

YEAR 3 AND 4



HAMLET HAS ARRIVED BACK AND MET HIS BEST FRIEND HORATIO NEAR A GRAVEYARD! MEANWHILE FORTINBRAS (REMEMBER HIM?) AND HIS ARMY ARE ON THE MARCH. THE FUNERAL FOR OPHELIA IS SOON TO BEGIN, ALTHOUGH HAMLET DOESN'T KNOW SHE'S GONE YET. AS HAMLET PASSES BY A GRAVEDIGGER DOING HIS WORK HE ASKS...



1. Where does Hamlet meet his best friend Horatio?

Tick one box

Elsinore Castle

At a battleground

Near a graveyard

By the river

2. *"This same skull sire was Yorick's skull, the King's jester"*

A. Whose skull was it? Write one name

B. What is a 'Jester'? Tick one box

A joker/entertainer

A cook/chef

A builder

A gravedigger

3. Hamlet used to play with Yorick when he was younger

TRUE **FALSE**

Write down a quote to justify your answer

4. Who have the king, queen and courtiers come to bury?

5. What does Gertrude say she had wanted for Ophelia?



6. “Finally the two of them are pulled apart and everyone goes back to the castle”

A. Write down one word that shows it took a long time to stop the fight between Laertes and Hamlet

B. Where does everyone go back to?

7. What ‘command’ does Hamlet say he read in the letter that had been given to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Use a direct quote from the text

8. What is going to happen to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern now?

9. Tick the synonym for 'betray'

loyal disloyal fight cried

10. Does Hamlet feel bad about re writing the letter so that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are going to be killed.

YES NO

Explain your answer with reference to the text

11. What does the servant tell Hamlet about?

12. "My lord, his Majesty has laid a great wager on your head"

A. Who is "his Majesty"?

B. What does the servant mean by "laid a great wager on your head"? Tick one box

Bet a lot of money that Hamlet will be killed

Put a big hat on Hamlet's head

Bet a lot of money that Laertes will be killed

Claudius will wear his crown to the fight



13. Who drinks the poisoned drink?

14. 'The two men grapple and the swords fall to the floor'

What does the word grapple mean? Tick one box

Have a close fight or struggle without weapons

Have a close fight or struggle with weapons

15. Who tells Hamlet that it was Claudius who poisoned the drink?

16. What does Hamlet ask Horatio to do?

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ANSWERS

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A. Whose skull was it? Write one name

Yorick

B. What is a ‘Jester’? Tick one box

A joker/entertainer

3. Hamlet used to play with Yorick when he was younger

TRUE

Write down a quote to justify your answer

“he hath bore me on his back a thousand times”

4. Who have the king, queen and courtiers come to bury?

Ophelia

5. What does Gertrude say she had wanted for Ophelia?

To marry Hamlet

6. “Finally the two of them are pulled apart and everyone goes back to the castle”

A. Write down one word that shows it took a long time to stop the fight between Laertes and Hamlet

Finally

B. Where does everyone go back to?

The castle/Elsinore Castle

7. What ‘command’ does Hamlet say he read in the letter that had been given to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Use a direct quote from the text

“my head should be struck off”

8. What is going to happen to Rosencrantz and Guildenstern now?

They are going to be killed when they get to England

9. Tick the synonym for 'betray'

disloyal

10. Does Hamlet feel bad about re writing the letter so that Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are going to be killed.

NO

Explain your answer with reference to the text

Hamlet doesn't feel bad about it because he reckons they both betrayed him.

11. What does the servant tell Hamlet about?

The competition with Laertes

12. "My lord, his Majesty has laid a great wager on your head"

A. Who is "his Majesty"?

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Laertes

16. What does Hamlet ask Horatio to do?

Tell his story