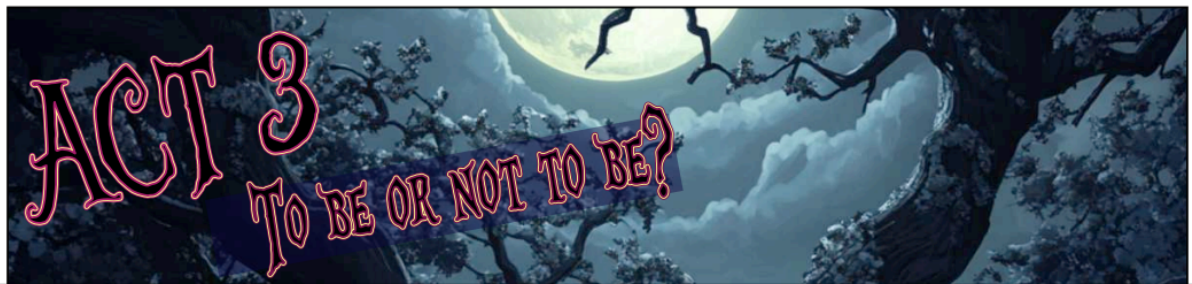


HAMLET

READING COMPREHENSION

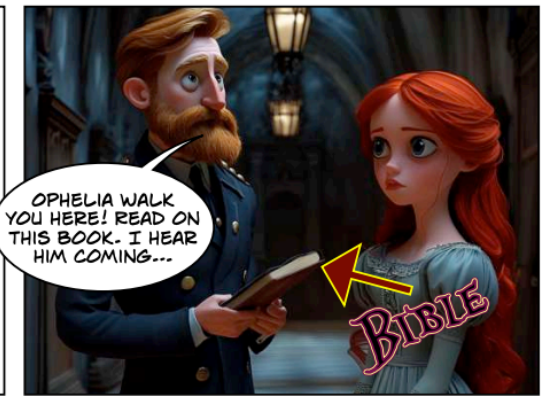
ACT 3

YEAR 3 AND 4



WITH ALL MY HEART AND IT DOETH MUCH CONTENT ME TO SEE HIM SO INCLINED

SO THAT'S SETTLED, CLAUDIUS AND GERTRUDE WILL GO TO SEE THE PLAY LATER ON, BUT FIRST POLONIUS AND CLAUDIUS CONTINUE THEIR PLAN. BORING OLD POLONIUS IS CONVINCED THAT HAMLET'S LOVE FOR OPHELIA IS WHAT'S MAKING HAMLET MAD - NOW HE WILL USE HIS DAUGHTER TO PROVE THAT IT'S TRUE...



OPHELIA WALK YOU HERE! READ ON THIS BOOK. I HEAR HIM COMING...

Bible

POLONIUS WANTS HAMLET TO BELIEVE THAT OPHELIA CAME HERE TO PRAY, EVEN SNEAKIER THAN BEFORE!



HIM AND CLAUDIUS HIDE BEHIND A CURTAIN TO WATCH...

AT FIRST, HAMLET DOESN'T EVEN SEE OPHELIA



HE'S LOST IN HIS DARK THOUGHTS OF DEATH AND DYING...

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE: THAT IS THE QUESTION: WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER IN THE MIND TO SUFFER THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE, OR TO TAKE ARMS AGAINST A SEA OF TROUBLES, AND BY OPPOSING END THEM? TO DIE, TO SLEEP: TO SLEEP: PERCHANCE TO DREAM, AY, THERE'S THE RUB. FOR IN THAT SLEEP OF DEATH WHAT DREAMS MAY COME WHEN WE HAVE SHUFFLED OFF THIS MORTAL COIL...

1. What are Claudius and Gertrude going to do later on?
Tick one box

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Have dinner with Polonius | <input type="checkbox"/> | Go swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Go and see the play | <input type="checkbox"/> | See if Hamlet is okay | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Write down 2 adjectives (describing words) that are used to describe Polonius

I. _____

II. _____

**3. What does Polonius think is making Hamlet mad?
Tick one box**

His father's death His love for Ophelia

He's lost his money He can't trust his friends

**4. Polonius says,
"Ophelia, walk you here! Read on this book. I hear him coming"**

A. What book does Polonius give Ophelia

B. Who is "coming"?

5. Who is hiding behind the curtain with Polonius?

6. What is Hamlet thinking about? Write down two words

i. _____

ii. _____

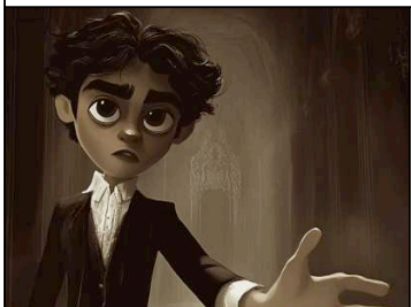
HAMLET CAN'T WORK OUT WHETHER IT'S BETTER TO SUFFER EVERYTHING THAT LIFE THROWS AT YOU, OR JUST TO END IT IF TIMES GET TOO TOUGH. DYING IS JUST LIKE SLEEPING HE THINKS - BUT, THERE'S THE PROBLEM. WHEN YOU SLEEP, YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE DREAMS THAT COME, AND THEY MIGHT WELL BE NIGHTMARES.... SUDDENLY HE SEES OPHELIA, BUT BECAUSE HE WASN'T EXPECTING HER, HE HASN'T GOT TIME TO PRETEND TO BE MAD...



OPHELIA HAS HER BIBLE, BUT ALSO WANTS TO GIVE HAMLET BACK A BOOK OF POEMS THAT HE GAVE HER...



HAMLET IS ABOUT TO TAKE IT...



WHEN HE SUDDENLY SEES SOMETHING...

POLONIUS ISN'T VERY GOOD AT HIDING...



HAMLET REALISES HE'S BEING WATCHED, SO HE SPRINGS INTO MAD ACTING AGAIN!



THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT, THINKS OPHELIA - SHE'S TREASURED THIS BOOK EVER SINCE HAMLET GAVE IT TO HER!



7. Complete the sentence below

“There’s the problem. When you sleep you can’t

_____ that come,”

8. Why doesn’t Hamlet have time to pretend to be mad?

9. What does Hamlet say that shows he isn't acting/pretending to be mad? Write down one direct phrase

10. What does Ophelia want to give back to Hamlet? Tick one box

The Bible

A book of riddles

The Torah

A book of poems

11. Why does Hamlet "spring into mad acting again"?

12. Why is Ophelia so upset?

13. Do you think Ophelia should be upset? Justify your answer with reference to the text

YES

NO



14. What is the play showing?

A king being celebrated

A king running away

A king being poisoned

A king being crowned

15. 'A cry rings out from the audience!!!'

A. Who cries out?

B. What does Claudius do?

C. What phrase suggests Claudius is very scared?

HAMLET
READING COMPREHENSION
ACT 3
YEAR 3 AND 4
ANSWERS

- 1. What are Claudius and Gertrude going to do later on?**
Tick one box
Go and see the play
- 2. Write down 2 adjectives (describing words) that are used to describe Polonius**
Boring
Old
- 3. What does Polonius think is making Hamlet mad?**
Tick one box
His love for Ophelia
- 4. A. What book does Polonius give Ophelia**
The Bible
B. Who is “coming”?
Hamlet
- 5. Who is hiding behind the curtain with Polonius?**
Claudius
- 6. What is Hamlet thinking about? Write down two words**
Death
Dying
- 7. Complete the sentence below**
“There’s the problem. When you sleep you can’t
control the dreams that come,”
- 8. Why doesn’t Hamlet have time to pretend to be mad?**
Because he wasn’t expecting to see Ophelia
- 9. What does Hamlet say that shows he isn’t acting/pretending to be mad? Write down one direct phrase**
“*The Fair Ophelia!*”

10. What does Ophelia want to give back to Hamlet?

Tick one box

A book of poems

11. Why does Hamlet “spring into mad acting again”?

Because he sees Polonius hiding behind the curtain/he see's Polonius' feet

12. Why is Ophelia so upset?

Because Hamlet is lying to her and denying that he ever gave her the book of poems.

13. Do you think Ophelia should be upset? Justify your answer with reference to the text

YES

Because Hamlet made her believe that he was in love with her and is now denying it.

14. What is the play showing?

A king being poisoned

15. ‘A cry rings out from the audience!!!’

A. Who cries out?

Claudius

B. What does Claudius do?

Runs away

C. What phrase suggests Claudius is very scared?

‘Turned as white as a sheet’