

HAMLET

10 Events

1. On King Hamlet's death, his brother Claudius succeeds to the Danish throne and marries King Hamlet's wife, Gertrude.
2. The old King's grieving son, Prince Hamlet is told by his father's ghost that he was murdered by Claudius. Hamlet swears to exact revenge on his uncle.
3. Ophelia is Hamlet's sweetheart and her Father, Polonius, is the King's counsellor. Her brother, Laertes, departs to France. Polonius and Laertes forbid Ophelia to have further dealings with Hamlet.
4. Hamlet feigns madness to protect himself the King. Queen Gertrude and Polonius orchestrate and spy on a meeting between Hamlet and Ophelia to discover the source of this insanity.
5. Hamlet abuses and rejects Ophelia.
6. Hamlet restages the murder of his father and convinces himself of Claudius' guilt.
7. Hamlet accidentally kills Polonius and is banished to England by Claudius, who plots to have him murdered in transit.
8. Ophelia, driven insane by the death of her father, commits suicide.
9. Laertes swears revenge on Hamlet, who has returned from England. Laertes and Claudius conspire to poison him in a friendly duel.
10. During the duel, Gertrude mistakenly drinks poison meant for Hamlet. Laertes cheats and both he and Claudius are killed by the dying Prince.

