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Does Hamlet come from a functional family?

Yes, I believe Hamlet comes from a functional family, but in the play, Hamlet's family is dysfunctional. It is dysfunctional because Hamlet's mother marries his uncle after his father's death. As a result, the family is full of incest, disrespect, and a breakdown in communication. Fights between mother and son often cause family problems, but the tragedies that happened could have been prevented if Claudius had been dealt with sooner.

How do modern viewers respond to Hamlet's mother remarrying (her husband's brother shortly after being widowed)?

Hamlet's mother has betrayed him, and he finds her irritating. He feels betrayed because she married Claudius, his late father's brother. Hamlet believes a second marriage under these conditions is immoral. As a result of Hamlet's hurt feelings about his mother, he becomes even more resentful of Claudius. Although Hamlet believes Gertrude remarried for sexual reasons, she was motivated by politics when she wed Claudius and gave him the throne. According to Shakespeare, Gertrude is not a naïve girl caught in the middle of Hamlet's irrational anger; she is not a promiscuous woman either. She makes irrational decisions.

However, the modern view would see Hamlet's marriage as a form of positivity. Besides, today's society is filled with less judgmental people. People believe in doing what makes them happy instead of

concentrating on the past. Although Gertrude marries Claudius, she focuses on her passion, which keeps her going. Thus, having someone who motivates one to feel herself conveys healing and the readiness to begin a new life. After a loved one dies, one should not be left to grief and sorrow. Instead, they should soldier on with life like others to speed up recovery.