# Weekly Written Response #10:
# *Hamlet, Acts 1-2*

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## Reflection for *"Hamlet, Acts 1-2"*

William Shakespeare wrote the tragic play, Hamlet. Acts 1 and 2 set the stage for the play's main plot, which revolves around the Prince of Denmark, Hamlet, who is mourning his father's death and his mother's hasty remarriage to his uncle, Claudius.

In Act 1, Hamlet is visited by his father's ghost, who reveals that Claudius murdered him. Hamlet decides to exact revenge to avoid suspicion while pretending to be insane. Meanwhile, Claudius plots to deport Hamlet to England.

In Act 2, Hamlet's strange behavior continues, causing concern for his former love, Ophelia. Hamlet confronts her and tells her to enter a convent, adding to the growing suspicion that he is insane. Later, a group of traveling actors arrives, and Hamlet requests that they perform a play reenacting his father's murder in order to test Claudius' guilt. During the performance, Claudius becomes agitated, confirming Hamlet's suspicions.

Themes of grief, vengeance, and the corrupting influence of power are explored throughout these acts. The tension and conflict between the characters grow, laying the groundwork for the following tragic events.