

Reading 22 Questions

1. In this reading we see some more of Hamlets madness, but primarily we are seeing Ophelia's madness. She seems completely crazy and it eventually results in her drowning herself.
Both examples of madness we see are caused by the murder of the characters father.
2. This time we saw much less spying but a good amount of conspiring between characters.
Everyone is spying.
3. We see the king and Laertes conspiring and deceiving to kill Hamlet and also King Claudius is secretly planning to have Hamlet executed in England.
Claudius is a conniving ruler who will do anything to protect his power.
4. Obviously we see Laertes is planning to have revenge and kill Hamlet. We can see all the measures that they are taking to be sure Hamlet is actually going to die.
Laertes is obsessed with revenge as is Hamlet.

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1. The scene with the gravediggers is a big juxtaposition to the rest of everything and keeps the play from being all the same. The point was that we see the gravediggers have been digging graves as long as Hamlet has been alive. They started the day he was born.
Hamlet was supposed to see his whole life as a long series of graves.
2. It seems that poison is the choice method of murder throughout the play. Everyone and their dog is killing someone with poison.
Claudius was poisoned twice: once with the sword and once with the drink.
3. I think that at times Hamlet had slight elements of actual madness, but most of the time it was a smoke screen for his true mission.
4. In the end vengeance was complete because most of the main characters ended up dead. Many were poisoned.
Vengeance is an empty thing and the results never are good.

Reading 24 Questions

1. We see some eavesdropping when Claudio and Don Pedro are discussing the girl whom Claudio loves, Hero.
Borachio gets the news correct and another man doesn't.
2. When someone was eavesdropping on Claudio and Don Pedro, they reported it to Antonio who in turn told Leonato, the father of Hero and somewhere along the way there was confusion on who wanted to marry Hero.
Leonato believes the prince is in love with his daughter and tells her.