

MAJOR WORKS DATA SHEET (MWDS)

Title: Hamlet

Author: William Shakespeare

Pub. Date: 1603 Genre: Play / Tragedy

CHARACTERS:

NAMES	ROLE/SIGNIFICANCE	DESCRIPTION
Hamlet	Main character Protagonist Son of deceased King Hamlet	Sees his fathers ghost and plots revenge against his uncle to get justice for his father, goes mad/crazy?
Claudius	Antagonist Brother of deceased King Hamlet	Suspicious, on guard, secretive, accused of murdering King Hamlet to marry Gertrude and become King
Polonius	Supporting Character Counselor of King Claudius	Father of Ophelia and Laertes, gossipy and old timey, warns Ophelia not to waste her time with Hamlet, enjoys snooping
Ophelia	Supporting Character Hamlet's lover	Naive, loves Hamlet but receives nothing back, kind hearted, easily manipulated by her father and others
Gertrude	Supporting Character Hamlet's mother Queen of Denmark	Does her own thing, accused of having an affair after marrying very soon after her husbands death, feels sympathy for Hamlet