

Hamlet and Ophelia's madness

Similarities	Differences
“Goodnight, sweet ladies” Ophelia echoes Hamlet Caused by the death of father Both characters who could not make than many decision for them selves, feel trapped by their situations	Ophelia always mad, Hamlet switches in between Hamlet's madness is tactical Hamlets madness makes him want to kill Claudius to avenge his father; Ophelia does not want to kill Hamlet. Ophelia's madness is more tragic than Hamlets as it leads to her death Hamlet becomes resentful towards his family members, Ophelia does not

Shakespeare is slightly sexist in Ophelia's madness, this helps to add to her portrayal as a weak character as she is drove completely mad b similar events to those which Hamlet was able not to be drove completely mad by.

Emphases the importance of the father figure in Hamlet as both characters are drove mad by the death of their father

Hamlets madness may have contributed to Ophelia's madness