

# Hamlet Writing Assignment

This assignment should be one full, hand-written page. Choose one options from the list below to write about. This will be due on or before Friday.

Here are your options:

1) Hamlet and Laertes – Think about the characters of Hamlet and Laertes. How are their lives paralleled? Look at all common elements of both lives and then discuss the parallels in your paper. You should focus (in your writing) on their similarities.

2) Hamlet – Do you believe that Hamlet was actually insane or do you think that he faked being insane throughout the tale? List some examples from your reading in order to defend your beliefs. Fully explain why you think he was sane or insane.

3) Gertrude – Do you think that Gertrude was in on the murder of King Hamlet with Claudius? How much do you think she knew about the entire situation? Do you believe that she was in on the plot from the beginning? Do you believe that she was later brought into the scheme by Claudius? Were Gertrude and Claudius a “couple” before King Hamlet’s murder? Explain why.