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Assignment Title: "Hamlet" Act 5 study questions

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Hamlet Study Guide, Act V

You do not need to write out any answers to these questions. However, they may help you to identify information to review for the quiz.

Use the resources that I have introduced in class to help you understand the text: No Fear Shakespeare and Shakespeare in Bits. You can also use Spark Notes to get an overview of the plot and events in each scene within this act.

V.i-ii

1. What does Hamlet say about Alexander and Caesar?
2. What does the churlish priest say about the obsequies of Ophelia? Why?
3. If Hamlet was sincere and truthful in saying he loved Ophelia, why did he treat her as he did?
4. How did Hamlet feel toward Laertes?
5. How old is Hamlet?
6. In what way is the "image" of Hamlet's cause the "portraiture" of Laertes' cause?
7. How and why do Hamlet and Horatio make fun of Osric?
8. Despite Hamlet's assurance in his skill, what sort of feeling does he have about the coming fencing match?
9. What is Horatio's response and why is this response illogical for a scholar? What does it indicate about Horatio? (V.ii.192)
10. What attitude do the following lines from V.ii.194-8 suggest: "There is a special providence in the fall of a sparrow."; "The readiness is all."; "Let be."?
11. How does Laertes accept Hamlet's apology?
12. What request does Laertes make as he dies?
13. Explain the line, "I am more an antique Roman than a Dane."
14. To what does Fortinbras compare the sight of the four dead bodies?