

# The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark

## DRAMATIS PERSONAE\*

CLAUDIUS *King of Denmark*  
HAMLET *son of late King Hamlet, nephew to present king*  
POLONIUS *Lord Chamberlain*  
HORATIO *friend of Hamlet*  
LAERTES *son of Polonius*  
FORTINBRAS *Prince of Norway*

### *courtiers:*

ROSENCRANTZ, GUILDENSTERN  
VOLTEMAND, CORNELIUS  
OSRIC, a GENTLEMAN

### *officers:*

BERNARDO, MARCELLUS  
FRANCISCO *a soldier*  
REYNALDO *servant of Polonius*  
NORWEGIAN CAPTAIN  
DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

### PLAYERS

*Two* CLOWNS *grave-diggers*  
ENGLISH AMBASSADORS

GERTRUDE *Queen of Denmark, mother of Hamlet*  
OPHELIA *daughter of Polonius*  
GHOST *of Hamlet's Father*

LORDS, LADIES, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, SAILERS,  
MESSENGERS, ATTENDANTS

## Notes on the Text

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**magenta** highlights words and passages with esoteric, spiritual initiate significance

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\*Please note this list is in the style of Elizabethan times,  
hence female characters are segregated.