



SHAKESPEARE'S THEATRE

INTRODUCTORY TASK 1: *HAMLET* (c. 1600-1601)

Please relate the following characters to each other in order to build the general structure of the plot:

Old Hamlet's ghost / Horatio / Gertrude / Polonius / Fortinbras / Ophelia / Rosencrantz and Guildenstern / Hamlet / Claudius / Laertes

Which act do the following events belong to?

1. Hamlet meets Gertrude in her closet and accuses her of murdering Old Hamlet
2. Ophelia loses her mind
3. Laertes and Polonius separately warn Ophelia against Hamlet
4. Hamlet undertakes the revenge ordered by the ghost and kills Claudius
5. The players perform the play-within-the-play
6. The ghost tells Hamlet how Claudius poisoned him while sleeping in his orchard
7. Polonius hides behind the arras and is accidentally killed by Hamlet
8. Claudius asks Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to spy on Hamlet
9. Gertrude dies after drinking from the poisoned cup
10. Hamlet asks Gertrude to refrain from sexual contact with Claudius
11. Hamlet decides to feign madness
12. Fortinbras appears as the king-to-be
13. Hamlet is about to kill Claudius, but as he is praying he decides to postpone it
14. Claudius decides to send Hamlet to England and have him killed there
15. Laertes fights Hamlet
16. Hamlet delivers the 'To be, or not to be' soliloquy
17. Hamlet laments his mother's marriage to Claudius
18. Gertrude announces Ophelia's death by drowning
19. Old Hamlet's ghost appears to Hamlet, Horatio and Marcellus and asks Hamlet to revenge his death
20. Hamlet violently tells Ophelia to go to a 'nunnery', while Claudius and Polonius spy on them
21. Gertrude begs Hamlet not to return to Wittenberg
22. Laertes returns from France seeking for revenge
23. Horatio recounts the story of how Old Hamlet defeated Old Fortinbras in combat and how now Fortinbras intends to recover what he considers are his lands

ACT I	ACT II	ACT III	ACT IV	ACT V