

## Hamlet - Act 2

### **Act II, scene i**

1. How does Polonius plan to spy on Laertes? Why is he doing it? What does this show about this character?
2. Why does Polonius think that Hamlet is mad? What behaviour leads him to think this? Do you agree with Polonius' assessment?

### **Act II, scene ii**

1. How is the opening of this scene similar to the previous one?
2. Is Hamlet "mad" during his conversation with Polonius? Why or why not?
3. How does Hamlet greet Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? How and why does his attitude change as he is talking to them?
4. How does Pyrrhus' speech relate to events Denmark?
5. Why is Hamlet angry with himself (soliloquy)? Do you think that he is being too hard on himself?
6. What plan does Hamlet reveal (soliloquy)? Why does he feel the plan is needed? Is he merely procrastinating again?