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**English 12 Honors: *Hamlet* Psychological Study**

In this assignment, you will play the role of psychologist and diagnose Hamlet’s mental disorder – if he has one. If you elect to explain that Hamlet is *not* insane, and is either acting rationally or is just acting, you must justify why his odd behavior in itself is not odd, but is a rational or prepared response to an odd situation.

Your diagnosis will be formalized into a typed, MLA style explanatory essay. You must use at least **three SCHOLARLY** sources to explain your diagnosis and its symptoms. At least one source is necessary per symptom. You must also use direct evidence from the text (*Hamlet*) to explain how Hamlet demonstrates symptoms.

Step 1: *Identify examples where Hamlet’s behavior could be identified as abnormal. You completed a chart of examples after Act 3, but are there any examples you would like to use from Act 4 or 5?*

Step 2: After analyzing your examples, research and choose a diagnosis for Hamlet. We discussed: schizophrenia, dissociative identity disorder, bi-polar disorder, depression, paranoid personality disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and borderline personality disorder. You are not limited to these choices; if you find something else you would like to pursue, you may use it if you discuss it with me first.

Step 3: Outline your diagnosis (this outline format is just a suggestion, you may set up your paper the best way you see fit):

1. Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, exhibits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by demonstrating the symptoms of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Example Thesis Statement)
2. Symptom #1
   1. Definition
      1. Quote from Scholarly Source
      2. Explain Quote
   2. Example from Hamlet
      1. Quote from the Text
      2. How does this quote demonstrate the symptom of the disorder you diagnosed?
3. Symptom #2
4. Symptom #3
5. The possible trigger of this illness was: