*Hamlet* Act 4

**4.1**

1. What does the king mean in lines 13-23 and what does he reveal was the weakness of their approach to dealing with Hamlet?

2. In lines 28-45, what is Claudius most worried about? How do you know?

**4.3**

2. Why doesn’t the king send soldiers to apprehend Hamlet since the queen witnessed Polonius’ murder?

3. In what ways, does Hamlet insult the Claudius?

4. What is Claudius’ plan for Hamlet?

**4.4**

5. Fortinbras sends a messenger to confirm safe passage through Denmark to Poland. Hamlet meets the messenger. What does he learn and what does this suggest about Fortinbras’ purpose?

**4.5**

6. Why have people decided Laertes should be king?

7. What bothers Laertes the most and how does Claudius expect to ease his mind?

**4.6**

8. What happened to Hamlet on his trip?

**4.7**

9. What is the plan Laertes and Claudius create to kill Hamlet?