**Elements of a Shakespearean Tragedy:**

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| **Elements** | **Explanation** |
| Tragic Hero | A main character cursed by fate and possessed of a tragic flaw. |
| Hamartia | The fatal character flaw of the tragic hero. |
| Good VS Evil | This struggle can take place as part of the plot or exist within the main character. |
| Tragic Waste | The good being destroyed along with the bad at the resolution of the play. Often played out with the unnecessary loss of life, especially of "good guy" characters |
| External Conflict | This can be a problem facing the hero as a result of the plot or a "bad guy" character. |
| Internal Conflict | The struggle the hero engages in with his/her fatal flaw. |
| Catharsis | The release of the audience's emotions through empathy with the characters. |
| Supernatural | Magic, witchcraft, ghosts, etc. |
| Lack of Poetic Justice | Things end poorly for everyone, including the "good guys." |
| Comic Relief | One or more humorous characters who participate in scenes intended to lighten the mood. |

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