***Hamlet* Act III – Study Questions**

1. What message do Rosencrantz and Guildenstern carry to the King? What is the King’s response?
2. Hamlet’s famous “To be or not to be” soliloquy is in scene one. In a sentence or two paraphrase his main points. What is he trying to convey in this speech?
3. What is Hamlet talking to Ophelia about? Describe Hamlet’s tone when he speaks to Ophelia.
4. What do the King and Polonius decide about Hamlet’s condition after eavesdropping on Hamlet and Ophelia?
5. Why does Hamlet give instructions to the players?
6. What was the King’s reaction to the play, and what did Hamlet and Horatio decide his reaction meant?
7. What is the climax of the play?
8. What message does Rosencrantz deliver from the Queen?
9. Why doesn’t Hamlet kill the King when he is kneeling?
10. What does Claudius talk about during the “prayer scene”?
11. How does Polonius die?
12. What does Hamlet ask of his mother at the end of the act?
13. Where is Hamlet being sent? Who is he being sent with?

**\*MAKE SURE TO LOOK OVER ACT 3 NOTES AND IT WILL BE USEFUL TO REREAD IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE ACT\***