**Hamlet Act IV Study Questions**

1. What does Hamlet think of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? What metaphor does he use to describe them?

2. Why must the King "not put the strong arm on" Hamlet?

3. When the King asks Hamlet where Polonius is, what is Hamlet's answer?

4. According to Hamlet, what is the great equalizer of man? Explain Hamlet’s metaphor of the Worm Philosophy.

5. What is the content of the letters the King sends with Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to England with Hamlet?

6. What prompts Hamlet to say, "My thoughts be bloody or be nothing worth!"? Read over Hamlet’s soliloquy in 4.4. What is he saying?

7. What is a foil character? Which characters are foils of Hamlet? Why?

8. What has happened to Ophelia? How do we know?

9. Why does Claudius think Ophelia has gone mad?

10. Why does Laertes force his way in? What does he want?

11. What is the content of Hamlet's letter to Horatio?

12. What plan do the King and Laertes discuss to kill Hamlet?

13. What news does the Queen bring Laertes?

14. Who are Hamlet’s foil characters? What makes them foils?

**\*Make sure to study your notes and look at important quotes or speeches**