

Case Study of Melancholy and Literary Analysis

1. Where does Hamlet appear for the first time in the play? Act _____, scene _____
2. After reviewing the scene where Hamlet first appears, determine the dramatic structure of the scene and explain your answer.
3. Hamlet is often called the "Melancholy Dane," as he is thought to fit in perfectly with the description of a melancholic individual. Identify at least **three** key words/phrases in the scene that establish Hamlet's melancholy. These may be words he speaks or descriptions about him by other characters.

Quotes about Hamlet's melancholy	How is Shakespeare developing Hamlet as a melancholy character?

4. The scene includes a soliloquy by Hamlet—"O, that this too too solid flesh would melt...for I must hold my tongue." What internal struggles are introduced by this speech?