

Book Review Competition 2024-25

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Title of the book: Hamlet; **Author:** William Shakespeare.; **Publications:** Fingerprints Classics; **Year:** 1603

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) was a renowned English playwright, poet, and actor. Born in Stratford-upon-Avon, he wrote at least 38 plays and 154 sonnets, with iconic works like Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, and Macbeth. His plays, performed at the Globe Theater, continue to influence literature and theater, making him one of the greatest writers in human history.

The objective of Shakespeare's tragic play "Hamlet" is to explore the complexities of human nature, morality, and the consequences of actions. Through Hamlet's tragic journey, the play delves into themes of revenge, mortality, corruption, and the tension between appearance and reality. Hamlet's personal objective is to avenge his father's death, uncover the truth about the murder, and restore justice to Denmark, which he believes has been corrupted by his Uncle Claudius's rule. Ultimately, the play's objective is to raise questions about the human condition, encouraging audiences to reflect on the destructive nature of revenge, the importance of morality, and the complexities of human emotions. Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, seeks revenge for his father's murder. His father's ghost appears, revealing that he was killed by his brother Claudius, who took the throne and married Hamlet's mother. Hamlet feigns madness to distract from his true intentions. He enlists his friends to help uncover the truth and ultimately kill Claudius. Throughout the play, Hamlet's obsession with revenge leads to tragic consequences, including the deaths of innocent characters like Ophelia, Rosencrantz, and Guildenstern.

In the end, Hamlet ultimately kills Claudius, but not before being mortally wounded by a poisoned sword. The play ends with Fortinbras, Prince of Norway, taking control of Denmark.

Best line from the book is “To be or not to be is the question”

I personally liked this play because of the theme revenge, mystery, etc. William Shakespeare used the literary devices to evoke imagery and emotions among the readers, he also used the Iambic meter which creates a rhythm while reading the play. I loved that how beautifully Shakespeare explored the human nature. However, I liked the book because of its language style and story. In my opinion it would be better if the ending of the play would be of Hamlet avenging his father; he shouldn't be dying while taking the revenge instead he should get the victory and look after the kingdom while having good ties with the kings of other kingdoms.

