

## **Hamlet Thematic Analysis Essay** (Two themes)

**Anchor Standard #2: Determine 2 or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.**

A theme is a central idea, concept or message that the reader takes away from a written work; a theme is not directly stated but determined by analyzing some or all of the following: title, setting, symbols, conflict, details, the characters' interactions and the character development.

In 3-4 typed pages, examine 2 themes in *Hamlet* and explain how these themes influence the play or how the various elements work together to create the theme. You may want to consider the following questions: Why these themes are important? What do you understand differently about the play and characters because you recognize these themes? What aspects of the play create and develop these themes?

When writing this essay, be sure that your thesis is clear, arguable and well-supported using properly formatted quotes and examples from the text. Your ideas should build with the text using transitions to create a cohesive piece. Consider your audience and use a formal style with proper English language conventions.