

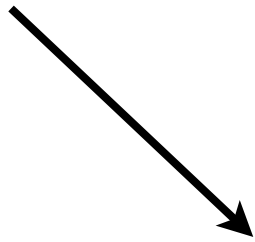
# Close Reading Analysis of Hamlet

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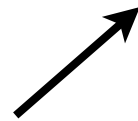
Act 3, Scene 1

Lines said by Hamlet

Thinking about  
killing himself



**To be, or not to be: that is the question:**  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,  
And by opposing end them?



Wondering if it's better to deal with  
the bad things in life, or to end his  
life so he doesn't have to deal with  
those things.

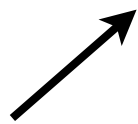
Sleeping is a metaphor for death, by sleeping he is "resting" from life.

Says that many bad things are a natural part of life.

To die: **to sleep;**  
No more; **and by a sleep to say we end**  
**The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks**  
**That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation**  
**Devoutly to be wish'd.**

Saying that death is an end to things that he desires.

To die, to sleep;  
To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub;



Says that death might be like a  
dream.

For in that sleep of death what dreams may come  
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,  
Must give us pause: **there's the respect**  
**That makes calamity of so long life;**

Death gives rest from life.

