

# Close Reading Analysis of Hamlet

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Act 2 Scene 2

605-616



## Lines 605–606

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To make oppression bitter, or ere this  
I should have fatted all the region kites



Hamlet is lost and confused about his life. He feels like there is nothing to live for, because of his father's death. Does Hamlet still want to get revenge, or does he want to give up on life?

## Lines 607–608

With this slave's offal. Bloody, bawdy  
villain!

Remorseless, treacherous, lecherous,  
kindless villain



Hamlet is calling his uncle a villain, but why? Does Hamlet know for sure that his uncle killed his father? Was there an argument between Hamlet and his uncle that made Hamlet call him a villain?



Lines 609 - 612

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O vengeance!

Why, what an ass am I! This is most brave,  
That I, the son of a dear father murdered,  
Prompted to my revenge by heaven and hell,



Hamlet is saying if the ghost is from heaven or hell telling him to get revenge. Hamlet is going crazy and doesn't know if getting revenge is the right thing to do.

## Lines 613–616

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Must, like a whore, unpack my heart  
with words  
And fall a-cursing like a very drab,  
A scullion! Fie upon 't, foh!



Hamlet is confused one whether if revenge is the right thing to do. He had signs from the ghost and his mother, but all he can do is wonder if his uncle is really guilty. All Hamlet can do is curse at himself, and be afraid. He does not know what to do