

Name: _____ Date: _____ Hour: _____

Anticipation Guide

Hamlet

English 11

Directions: For each of the following statements, mark an **X** under agree or disagree. Once deciding your position, **explain** your reasons for your decision in one to two **complete sentences** for each.

Statements	Agree	Disagree
1. Families generally have a member's best interests in mind.	_____	_____
2. Having a clear goal, and the ambition to achieve it, is honorable.	_____	_____
3. Power eventually corrupts the people who have it.	_____	_____
4. Revenge is the only way to gain true justice.	_____	_____
5. A person's immoral choices can come back to haunt him/her.	_____	_____
6. One must take a stand against injustice, even if the personal cost is great.	_____	_____
7. A person has to confront death in order to understand life's meaning.	_____	_____
8. Moral courage is more difficult to accomplish than physical courage.	_____	_____

9. Evil often spirals out of control.

10. Ghosts exist.

Please respond to the following questions thoughtfully. Each question hones in on an important theme in our play.

1. How common do you believe the act of revenge is in everyday life? Write about specific incidents, including any in which you were involved or have witnessed.

2. Do you consider yourself to be a "thinker" or a "doer"? Explain your choice.

3. Have you or has anyone you have known ever seen or claimed to have witnessed some kind of supernatural being? Explain the circumstances surrounding the event. Do you believe in the supernatural? Explain.

4. To what extent do parents have the right to "spy" or check up on their children? What circumstance might allow or prevent this?

5. Have you ever been the victim of unrequited love? How did you feel? Have you ever been the recipient of affection from someone whom you did not care about? How did you feel about this situation?

6. Write about a time when you discovered that someone was purposefully plotting against you for some reason. Explain the situation—how you felt, how it turned out.