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*Hamlet* End of Act II Assignment

**Directions:** Watch the clip posted in The Sophomore Blog titled “Words, words, words” on our class website and answer the following questions in complete sentences on a separate sheet of white lined paper.

1. **Context:** Where in the play does this clip/passage take place? In general terms, briefly state why the clip/passage is noteworthy/important to the play as a whole.
2. **Characterization:** What does the clip/passage reveal about Hamlet’s character/state of mind? How do you know? Use textual support. How does the characterization of Hamlet in this clip/passage fit in with what is already known about him? What new information is learned?
3. **Language:** Identify 2 key words, phrases, examples of imagery and/or symbolism in this clip/passage and discuss how they work to develop Hamlet’s character.
4. Evaluate Branagh’s interpretation of this passage, which must be based on your knowledge and understanding of the passage in the text; you must provide textual evidence from *Hamlet* as well as provide descriptions of the video. Notice what you notice! Look for or pay particular attention to one or two of the following:
	1. Delivery of the lines
	2. Imagery or setting/scenery
	3. The portrayal of the actor (Kenneth Branagh as Hamlet)
	4. Lighting and camera effects/angles
	5. Sound effects or music
5. It will help to **take notes** on this video while you watch it. Pay attention to what captures your attention. I am expecting well-written, fully developed and supported answers.