



Character List for *Hamlet* from The Folger Shakespeare Library Edition

Characters in the Play

The Ghost

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, son of the late King Hamlet and Queen Gertrude

Queen Gertrude, widow of King Hamlet, now married to Claudius

King Claudius, brother to the late King Hamlet

Ophelia

Laertes, her brother

Polonius, father of Ophelia and Laertes, councilor to King Claudius

Reynaldo, servant to Polonius

Horatio, Hamlet's friend and confidant

Voltmand

Cornelius

Rosencrantz

Guildenstern

Osric

Gentleman

A Lord

courtiers at the Danish court

Francisco

Barnardo

Marcellus

Danish soldiers

Fortinbras, Prince of Norway

A Captain in Fortinbras' army

Ambassadors to Denmark from England

Players who take the roles of Prologue, Player

King, Player Queen, and Lucianus in *The Murder of Gonzago*

Two Messengers

Sailors

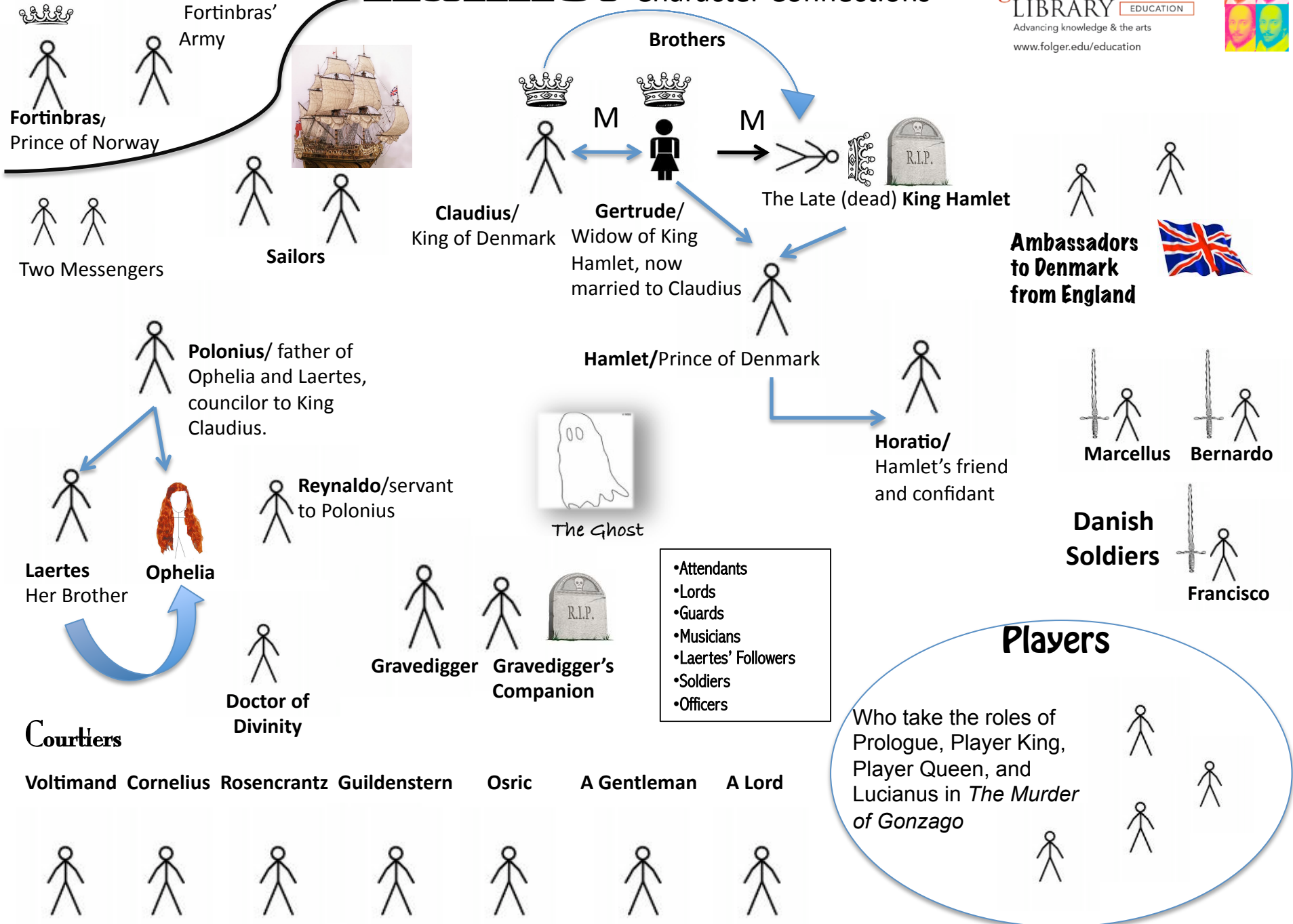
Gravedigger

Gravedigger's companion

Doctor of Divinity

Attendants, Lords, Guards, Musicians, Laertes' Followers, Soldiers, Officers

Hamlet Character Connections



Handout #3



Based on the character connections you have mapped out using the character list for *Hamlet*, please complete the following statements.

1. I think that the late King Hamlet died of/from _____

2. I think Ophelia will marry/fall in love with _____

3. A “doctor of divinity” is _____

4. I think Hamlet and King Claudius have a: **positive** **negative** relationship because _____
(circle one)

5. In the story, the gravediggers will _____

6. I think that Prince Fortinbras and King Claudius are: **enemies** **friends**
(circle one)

7. I think that _____ will _____ because _____
(name of character) (action) (reason for the action)
