

Listening Guide: Exploring Hamlet 1

Complete the following questions as you watch the video

1-The video opens with famous lines from *Hamlet*. List some of those you have heard before:

2-What are the reasons provided that *Hamlet* is still relevant today?

3-What Disney movie was inspired by the story of *Hamlet*? What image is used in the Disney film to amplify that connection?

4-What does Shakespeare require of an audience and performer?

5-Harold Bloom says that “*Hamlet* is a _____, a spacious mirror in which we see ourselves.”

6-What is one of the large themes and questions that *Hamlet* forces us to ask ourselves? (Hint: *Batman* and *Sons of Anarchy* are used as examples to illustrate the question.)

7-“Thought links to Thought”... “Always learn a text _____ by _____ not line by line” Patsy Rodenburg

8-We have discovered *Hamlet* for the past 400 years and will keep exploring *Hamlet*...“When exploring *Hamlet*, the next generation continues explore “There is no _____. There is no way to reach the _____ of *Hamlet*?”

9-How does the above statement empower you in your study of *Hamlet*?

Answer Key

3. The Lion King
4. Listening
5. reflecting pool
7. thought, thought
8. bottom, end