



"Hamlet Kills King Claudius" by Gustave Moreau
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Take Revenge or Not?

Hamlet says to the Ghost, "Speak; I am bound to hear." He means that it is his duty to listen to the spirit of his father. The Ghost replies that it is also his duty to take revenge: "So art thou to revenge, when thou shalt hear"(1.5.7).

A moment later, the Ghost repeats the message, but more strongly. He says that if Hamlet ever loved his father, he will "Revenge his foul and most unnatural murder" (1.5.25).

Hamlet promises to prove his love and do his duty. He tells the Ghost to tell the story of the murder, and the revenge will follow: "Haste me to know't, that I, with wings as swift / As meditation or the thoughts of love, / May sweep to my revenge" (1.5.29-31).

Persuasive letter:

The **tone** must be courteous and professional throughout the letter.

Should Hamlet take revenge?

Should a father ask that of his son?

Detail the reasons that make your argument worthwhile and convincing.

Write a persuasive letter to either Hamlet or the Father Ghost outlining your beliefs on the issue of revenge. Promote your idea or belief using strong words.

CLEARLY state the **action** you would like your reader to take!