**Hamlet Essay**

**100 Points**

**Prompt:**

Write an essay where you show how the image or allusion of your choice illustrates or reflects the theme of corruption in *Hamlet*.

**Requirements:**

* Three to four pages in length
* Contains a minimum of three quotations (in MLA format) which support your thesis

**Possible images and allusions:**

Images: blood, decay, music, theater, water, nature, or…?

Allusions: biblical, mythological, historical

**Pre-writing:**

* Review reading logs, look for quotations and notes that relate to your topic.
* Explain how the action and dialogue of the characters explore your image or illusion and reflect the theme of corruption.
* Select six or seven quotations that relate to your topic then choose the best three or four.

**Schedule:**

**Tuesday, October 7**: Socratic style discussion of corruption, images, allusions (H/W is be prepared with written notes for discussion)

**Friday, October 10:** Rough draft due for peer edit

**Tuesday, October 14**: Final draft, typed, MLA format due

**Tips for Success:**

* *Start writing early, give yourself time to do multiple drafts*
* *Establish a thesis and strong topic sentences*
* *Come to lunch or office hours for feedback*
* *Remember that every essay is persuasive: develop an argument and prove it!*