***Hamlet* Essay Prompt:**

Using your book, your notes, and your in-class essays, write a developed essay of 1200-1500 words based on this prompt:

**Which conventions of the genre of drama had the greatest impact on the play’s characters, tone, themes, the genre of tragedy, and/or the audience’s experience?** *Select one or more conventions to write about.*

1. Be sure to provide a “three-pronged” thesis statement so that you may discuss at least three effects of Shakespeare’s choice(s). Examples of this can be found on our class website.
2. Use academic language and properly cited direct quotations with parenthetical references   
   (Act, scene, lines).
3. Organize your essay around scenes, but also be willing to provide contrasting examples to highlight unique differences between or among supporting evidence.
4. Use the conclusion to provide an evaluation of the use of conventions, specifically evaluating the choices Shakespeare made. This is the “What, How, Why?” section of your essay.

The grading rubric is based on the following:

* Knowledge and Understanding
* Response to the essay prompt
* Appreciation of the literary conventions of the genre
* Organization and development
* Language

Format: typed, MLA style

Due: Wednesday, February 22