**Preparing for the Exam: *Hamlet***

This course’s exam encourages you to make connections between several texts we have looked at this semester: essay unit, ISU novels, *Three Day Road* and *Hamlet*.

**General Questions**

* What are your feelings towards the character of Hamlet? Why?
* At the end of the play, do you think Hamlet feigns madness or is truly mad? Provide proof.
* What are the major conflicts that take place throughout the play?

We will look at some major characters and topics to help gain a better understanding of the play and to start making connections which will set us up for exam preparation later on.

In groups, we will examine the following:

**Characters**

* Hamlet
* Claudius and Gertrude
* Polonius, Ophelia and Laertes
* Horatio and Rosencrantz & Guildenstern
* Other Minor Characters

If you are assigned a character(s), as a group, prepare the following to be shared with the class:

* Character traits evident
* Important actions/decisions
* What do you think their purpose is in the play?
* At least five quotations which reveal something about the character

**Topics**

* Revenge
* Loyalty
* Spying
* Family
* Death
* Madness
* Guilt
* Reputation

If you are assigned a topic, as a group, prepare the following to be shared with the class:

* Create at least one theme statement based on the topic
* Through what characters and events do we see this topic emerge throughout the play?
* At least five quotations related to the topic
* Connections to other texts you have read throughout the course