

Hamlet Character Organizational Chart

Denmark

The Royals

Hamlet, Sr. (dec. king) --- Gertrude (queen) ----- Claudius (king)
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Hamlet, Jr. (prince)

The Ghost

The Court

Polonius (counselor to Claudius)

├── Laertes (son)

└── Ophelia (daughter)

Reynaldo (servant to Polonius)

Horatio (Hamlet's close friend & fellow student at the Univ. of Wittenberg)

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern (courtiers & former friends of Hamlet)

Bernardo and Marcellus (officers of the Danish army)

Francisco (soldier)

Voltemand & Cornelius—ambassadors to Norway

Osric—courtier

Clowns/Gravediggers (2)

Doctor (of Divinity/Priest)

Players/Actors

Gentleman, messengers, attendants, ambassadors, and various other incidental characters

Norway

The Royals

Fortinbras, Sr. (dec. king)

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Norway (present King of Norway; uncle of Fortinbras, Jr.)

Fortinbras, Jr. (crowned prince)

Others

A Norwegian Captain

England

Ambassadors to Denmark

What functions/roles does the country itself play in *Hamlet*?

Poland

Norway sends Fortinbras, Jr. to attack Poland over a small piece of land.

For what purposes or functions is Poland a vehicle in this play? (see 4.4)