

Providence Extension Program | Core E Rhetoric I
Q2 W8 Weekly Assignment Guide (12/13, 12/15)

WOW: Word(s) Of the Week—**QUIZ TUESDAY!**

malapropism

noun | (MAL-uh-prop-ism)

the misuse of a word for humorous effect

Shakespeare's character's utter *malapropisms* for comic effect.

soliloquy

noun | (suh-LIL-uh-qwee)

the act of talking to oneself

"To be or not to be" is Hamlet's most famous *soliloquy*.

pernicious

adjective | (per-NISH-us)

highly injurious or destructive; deadly

When Hamlet learns of how his mother married Claudius, he calls her a most *pernicious* woman.

antic

adjective | ANN-tick)

characterized by clownish extravagance or absurdity; abnormal

Hamlet tells Horatio he will "put an *antic* disposition on" (Act I, scene V).

expostulate

verb | (ex-POS-chew-late)

to discuss at length

Polonius *expostulates* his opinion on Hamlet's madness.

brevity

noun | (BREH-vuh-tee)

shortness or conciseness of expression

Ironically, long-winded Polonius states that "*brevity* is the soul of wit" (Act II, Scene II).

calumny

noun | (CAL-um-nee)

a misrepresentation intended to harm another's reputation; slander

In breaking up with Ophelia, Hamlet states that she will "not escape *calumny*" (Act III, scene 1).

importunate

adjective | (im-PORCH-a-nut)

troublesomely urgent; overly persistent in request or demand

Learning of her father's death, Ophelia is described as "*importunate*" (Act IV, Scene 5).

divulge

verb | (die-VOLDG)

to make known

Gertrude must *divulge* to Claudius that Hamlet has killed Polonius.

discourse

noun | (DIS-course)

a verbal interchange of ideas

Hamlet's most powerful *discourse* often takes place as he talks to himself.

penury

noun | (PEN-your-ee)

severe poverty

As the younger son, Orlando asks: "What prodigal portion have I spent that I should come to such *penury*?"(9).

bequeath

verb | (bee-QUEETH)

to give or leave by will

Orlando's inheritance, *bequeathed* to him at the death of his father, is "but poor a thousand crowns" (7).

melancholy

adjective | (MEL-in-col-ee)

depressed in spirits; dejected, sad

As a moody character, Jaques is often referred to as "*melancholy* Jaques" (51).

pastoral

noun | (pas-TOAR-uh)

a literary work that typically draws a contrast between the innocence and serenity of the simple life and the misery and corruption of city and especially court life

As You Like It is considered a pastoral comedy, comparing life in the Forest of Arden to life in the King's Court.

Due Tuesday 12/13:

- **Study the words above for a Q2 Vocab Quiz**
- **Read AYLI Acts 4 & 5—BRING YOUR BOOK!**
- **Expect AYLI Quiz**

Due Thursday 12/15:

- **Re-submit your Hamlet essay. I will accept this only in class, with your printed copy accompanied by your graded draft. Note: this is about improving your entire essay, not just changing the format so you don't get points deducted for not following MLA. Read everything and make your WHOLE ESSAY better—your best work, in fact. I have given you a chance to show you can do better because I know that you can. Prove me right.**
- **Something fun. With food. You don't need to bring anything but a good attitude 😊**



*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2: 11*