Name: Anonymous School: Valencia High Book Title: Hamlet Rate: 4.5

Grade: Senior Book Author: William Shakespeare

*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare is a revenge tragedy play in which takes place in Denmark. The plot is about Hamlet's father, who is known as "Old Hamlet," who suddenly dies. He was the king, and before his death, conquered the Fortinbras of Norway. His son Hamlet is the Prince of Denmark and is the main character in this play. Hamlet does not like his mother, "Queen Gertrude," at all because she married his uncle Claudius in less than two months after his father's death. Throughout the play, Hamlet has seen a ghost multiple times in the play, and the ghost told him that he is the "Old Hamlet," and he wants Hamlet to get revenge on the person who killed him. Hamlet had multiple instances in which he wanted to kill himself because he didn't know what to do. He wanted to get revenge for his father's death but didn't know how to do it. He felt like he had been betrayed by the people he was closest to.

I thought the play was amazing. I loved how emotional the play got at times and had many themes like revenge and death. I didn't like how some of the scenes had too much going on at one time. It was also sometimes hard to understand the play because of how different English was back then compared to now. Hamlet is my favorite character because he goes through so many different kinds of emotions and changes throughout the play.

I would definitely recommend this book because it's a really good written play with a lot of different themes and emotions. I think people who like William Shakespeare or classic literature would like this play. This play is similar to *Macbeth* by Shakespeare because it has the same themes of revenge and death as *Hamlet*.