English 122  *Hamlet* Essay Valanne

 William Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* is a play with many recurring themes and motifs. One of the most interesting aspects is the character of Hamlet; he is a memorable character who demonstrates many universal truths and qualities which continue to relate to our world.

Essay Topic:

Literature is filled with many great teen characters; many of these are studied in school like Romeo and Juliet, Holden Caulfield, and Ponyboy. Based on his depression, his struggles, and his general outlook of life, it can be argued that Hamlet was the world's first emo. Do you agree or disagree?

Points to consider:

·teen angst

·teen depression

·what does emo mean? define it. give examples.

·Hamlet's soliloquies

·emo music song lyrics

·are all teens emo-like?

·have there always been emos? will there always be emos? is 'emo' simply a label for the moody teen world?

This is not a personal essay. Support what you say. Use discussion - talk about and explain your thoughts and ideas. Do NOT simply retell the play!!

You must pass in a handwritten draft. Your essay MUST be typed (font 12, times New Roman, double space). Your essay MUST follow MLA formatting. Essay length: 5 typed pages (not including cover page and work cited page). Value = 100. Spelling and mechanics count for 30%. MLA format counts for 20%

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