

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GHOST APPEARANCE IN *HAMLET*

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### ABSTRACT

The careful observer can easily realize that certain cultural practices from afar look strangely like those performed in his/her own culture. As an African, I definitely perceive this reality through Shakespeare's works. The appearance of a ghost is highly significant since it may reveal hidden facts. The one presented here - King Hamlet - has a matter to settle with his murderer and brother Claudius. And to achieve this, he confides in his son Hamlet. Its recommendation is clear: give me justice. Its repeated appearance prompts this son, so dull and brooding, to pass to the act. What if the latter had other reasons to do so! That is what this article will consider, focusing on *Hamlet, prince of Denmark*. Our goal is to reveal these hidden reasons.

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