

Hamlet Close Reading

Act 1, Scene 3 Lines 65-80 (Polonius)

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Background

This speech is being told to Laertes by Polonius. Laertes is Polonius' son and he is going away for college. Laertes is known as a 'manwhore' for the lack of a better word and a lot of people know about it. Polonius is telling Laertes the rules of the road so he could be prosperous on his adventure to college.

see what you inscribe

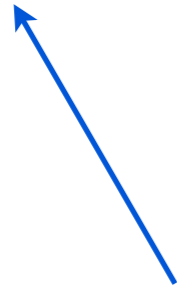
friendly

Look thou character. Give thy thoughts no tongue, nor any unproportioned thought his act. Be thou **familiar**, but by no means **vulgar**. Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them unto thy soul with hoops of steel, but do not dull thy palm and entertainment of each new hatched, **unfledged courage**.

indiscriminate

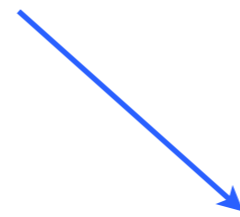
spirited
youngster

be careful when
getting into a fight



Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but, being in, bear't that
the' opposed may beware of thee. Give every man thy ear,
but few thy voice. Take each man's censure, but reserve
thy judgement.

Costly thy habit as thy pursue can buy, but not expressed in fancy (rich, not gaudy), for the apparel oft proclaims the man, and they in France of the best rank and station (are) of a most select and generous chief in that.



the French show their refinement chiefly in the way they choose their apparel.