

Hamlet Literary Devices

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Symbols

Yorick's Skull : Yorick's skull symbolizes mortality and the inevitability of death. In the Gravediggers' Scene, Hamlet finds the skull of Yorick, the court jester whom he knew and loved as a child. Hamlet thinks about how death comes for everyone, no matter their status in life.

The Ghost : The ghost of King Hamlet symbolizes decay and corruption in Denmark. It also embodies vengeance, urging Hamlet to seek revenge for his father's murder.