Map of Characters in Shakespeare's HAMLET

King Hamlet's Ghost
- is at Castle Elsinore to warn Hamlet about Claudius being his murderer.

Hamlet
- Prince of Denmark; wants revenge for his father's death.

Horatio
- Supports Hamlet.

Laertes
- Conspires with Claudius to kill Hamlet; wants revenge for Polonius' death.

Gertrude
- Queen = wife of Claudius; formed husband with Claudius; uncle and stepfather.

Ophelia
- Polonius' daughter; drowns after Hamlet murders her father (goes mad)

Claudius
- Brother of Hamlet; murderer of King Hamlet; will become king after Hamlet dies.

Polonius
- Claudius' counselor; father of Laertes.

Rosencrantz
- Hamlet's friend; spy of Claudius.

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