**Response to Literature Evidence Collection Chart for *Hamlet:*** Use the chart to collect evidence about Hamlet questions.

**Question 1:**

Does Hamlet love Ophelia? If so, why does he treat her and act as he does? If not, why does he bother with her and react to her? How is she part of his “madness” plan? Is she in on it? (Whether he really does go a bit insane in the play, and her own insanity, may contribute to their motivation). What do we learn about the relationship and Hamlet’s feelings or moral character (from others or from the principle characters) over the course of the play?

What we learn about their prior and current relationship at the start of the play (most of this will come from others)

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| **Your Assertion or Understanding** | **Introduction to Concrete Detail** | **Concrete Detail** | **Commentary** |
| Information about how Hamlet feels, thing the two have done together, etc. | What is happening in the story? (context for concrete detail) | Quote from text as evidence (said by, Act, scene, line number/s) eg: (Polonius II iv 23-27) | How does this evidence prove that Hamlet feels this way? Explain. (your words) |
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**Premise: Hamlet loves Ophelia. His later cruelty is a ruse to convince others he’s insane and protect her from harm (cruel to be kind).**

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| Causes or motivation for Hamlet’s behavior. | What is happening in the story? (context for concrete detail) | Evidence showing causes of Hamlet’s change (cite from text) | How does this evidence prove Hamlet’s feelings? Explain. (your words) |
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**Premise: Hamlet does not love Ophelia. He was just out for what he could get. His later cruelty used her as part of his plan to act insane. His grief over her death (SPOILER!) is an Aristotlean realization regarding the consequences of his selfish actions.**

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| Hamlet’s motives (lust, | What is happening in the story? (context for concrete detail) | Evidence of Hamlet’s attitude with (cite from text) | How does this evidence prove that Hamlet feels this way? Explain. (your words) |
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**Question #2: What did Gertrude know about the murder of her husband, King Hamlet? Does her love blind her to the truth (willful denial)? Can she BE that stupid? Did she marry her stalker? Did she have a physical affair with Claudius prior to her husband’s death? Is she Claudius’ accomplice (lovers getting rid of the unwanted hubby)? At what point does she realize/admit to herself the truth regarding her own and Claudius’ actions? How do we know she’s really on Hamlet’s side? Did she marry for practicality, to keep Hamlet’s throne safe while he was away at college?**

**Premise: Gertrude didn’t know Claudius killed the king.**

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| **Your Assertion or Understanding** | **Introduction to Concrete Detail** | **Concrete Detail** | **Commentary** |
| What did she know and when | What is happening in the story? (context for concrete detail) | Evidence your assertion is correct (cite from text) | How does this evidence prove Gertrude is as you say? Explain. (your words) |
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Premise: Gertrude “knows”, or at least suspects Claudius did it, but