

To be, or not to be? That is the question—
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
60 The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And, by opposing, end them? To die, to sleep—
No more—and by a sleep to say we end
The heartache and the thousand natural shocks
65 That flesh is heir to—'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished! To die, to sleep.
To sleep, perchance to dream—ay, there's the rub,
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,
70 Must give us pause. There's the respect
That makes calamity of so long life.
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,
Th' oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
The pangs of despised love, the law's delay,
75 The insolence of office, and the spurns
That patient merit of th' unworthy takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin? Who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
80 But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscovered country from whose bourn
No traveler returns, puzzles the will
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of?
85 Thus conscience does make cowards of us all,
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And enterprises of great pith and moment
With this regard their currents turn awry,
90 And lose the name of action.

Q2 Bonus Opportunity: Memorize & Recite Hamlet's most famous soliloquy!

First, the ground rules:

1. This opportunity is for individual effort only.
2. You have until **the end of "B" Lunch, Thursday, December 1, 2011**, to perform your recitation.
3. You must make an appointment with your teacher **at least 24 hours in advance** to recite what you have memorized. The sign-up sheets will appear on the inside of the classroom door before school on Monday, November 28, 2011.
4. You may sign up for **ONE TIME SLOT** only. You may not **CHANGE** or **EXCHANGE** time slots after you have signed up.
5. If you fail to appear on time for your scheduled time, you forfeit your chance for bonus points.
6. Appointments can be scheduled for the following times only: before school, during either lunch, & after school (11/29/2011-11/30/2011), or during "A" or "B" lunch (12/1/2011).
7. You must recite from the beginning and go forward from there. If you cannot successfully recite at least through line 71, no points will be awarded.
8. Any time during the recitation that you stall, stammer, or require prompting of any kind, points or fractions of points will be deducted from your total points awarded—but the teacher will help you if you are "stuck."
9. Each line is worth 1 point. The maximum bonus points allowed for this quarter is 33. If you already have bonus points from other places, you will only be able to earn up to a total of 33.
10. This must be an oral recitation—you may not write the lines for credit.