Hamlet & Oedipus

The Œdipus-Complex as an Explanation of Hamlet's Mystery: A Study in Motive: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1412950?searchText=hamlet+oedipus&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3FQuery%3Dhamlet%2Boedipus&ab_segments=0%2Fbasic_search_gsv2%2Fcontrol&refreqid=fastly-default%3Aad6cc5b7bf841389df91f4d270583d6d&seq=1>

* Suggests that Hamlet’s behaviour can be understood through Freudian psychology, particularly the concept of the Oedipus complex.
* Draws parallels between Hamlet’s relationship with his mother, Gertrude, with Oedipus Complex. Implying Hamlet possesses a sexual attraction to his mother and this is what drives him to exude this behaviour.
* Argues Hamlet’s hesitation to avenge his father’s death comes from feelings for his mother and a repressed desire to replace his father as her romantic partner.
* Examines Hamlet’s complex emotions, including his range toward Claudius and his ambivalence about fulfilling his duty.
* Proposes that understanding Hamlet’s psychology sheds light on his actions throughout the play
* Hamlet's character is best understood through Freudian Psychoanalysis, particularly the Oedipus Complex, offering deeper insight into his thoughts and feelings in the play.

The Conscience of the King: Oedipus, Hamlet and the Problem of Reading:

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* Analysing guilt, conscience and interpretations of Oedipus + Hamlet
* Explores the complex nature of the characters’ moral dilemmas and the role of conscience in their actions.
* Compare and contrast characters of Hamlet + Oedipus, examining how they grapple with their respective fates and confront their internal conflicts.
* Discusses the significance of the problem of reading in the context of interpreting the motives and actions of the protagonists
* Considers the implications of the characters’ actions and the consequences of their decisions in both
* Offers insight into the deeper themes of morality, fate and highlights the relevance of these works in understanding ethical complexities.