

# Analyzing the Contrasting Paths to Ambition in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "Macbeth"

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**Abstract:** *Hamlet and Macbeth, two of the most well-known plays written by William Shakespeare, will be compared in depth during the course of this research paper. The comparison will focus on the similarities and differences between the two characters. This research studies and analyzes the key ideas, character qualities, psychological motives, and tragic journeys of Macbeth and Hamlet in order to acquire a more comprehensive appreciation of the method in which Shakespeare describes human nature, ambitions, and ethical conundrums. The goal of this study is to get a more profound understanding of Shakespeare's depiction of them.*

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