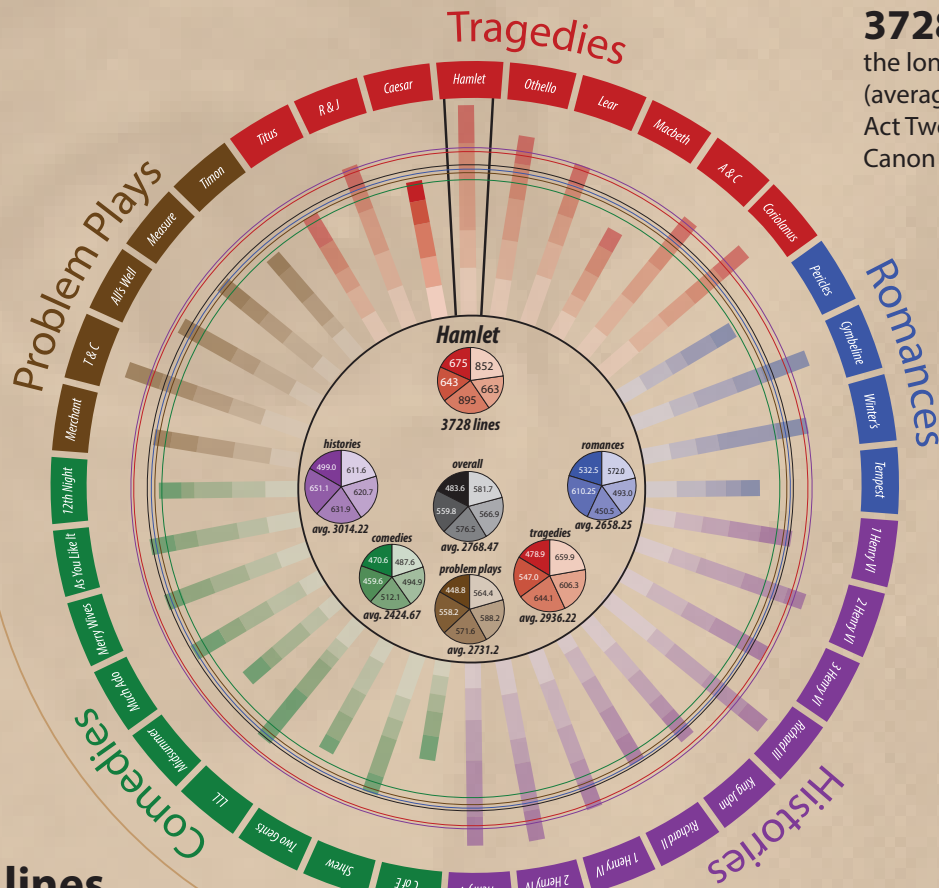


# Shakespeare's Hamlet

## BY THE NUMBERS



**3728 total lines**  
the longest of all plays, thus longer than the average (average play: 2768; average tragedy (2938)  
Act Two, Scene Two is the longest of its kind in the Canon (544)

**Act One: 852 lines**  
longer than average (average play: 582, average tragedy: 660)

**Act Two: 663 lines**  
longer than average play (average play: 567, average tragedy: 606)

**Act Three: 895 lines**  
longest of all plays; thus longer than average play (576) and average tragedy (644)

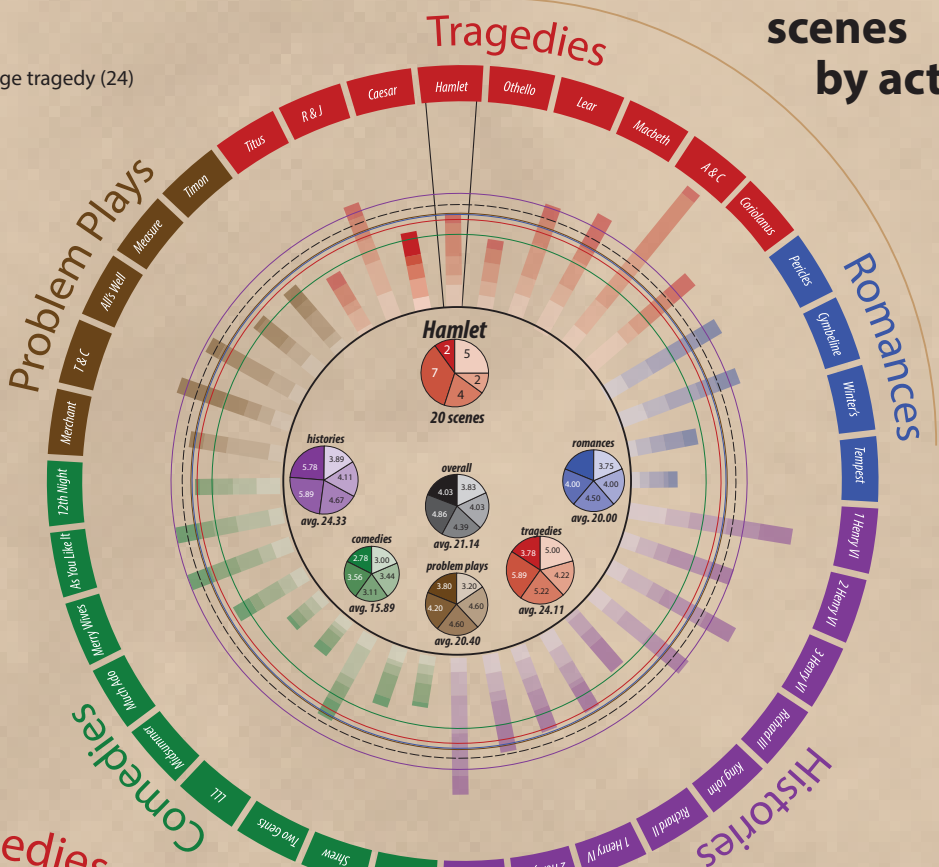
**Act Four: 643 lines**  
longer than average (average play: 560, average tragedy: 547)

**Act Five: 675 lines**  
longer than average (average play: 484, average tragedy: 478)

lines by act



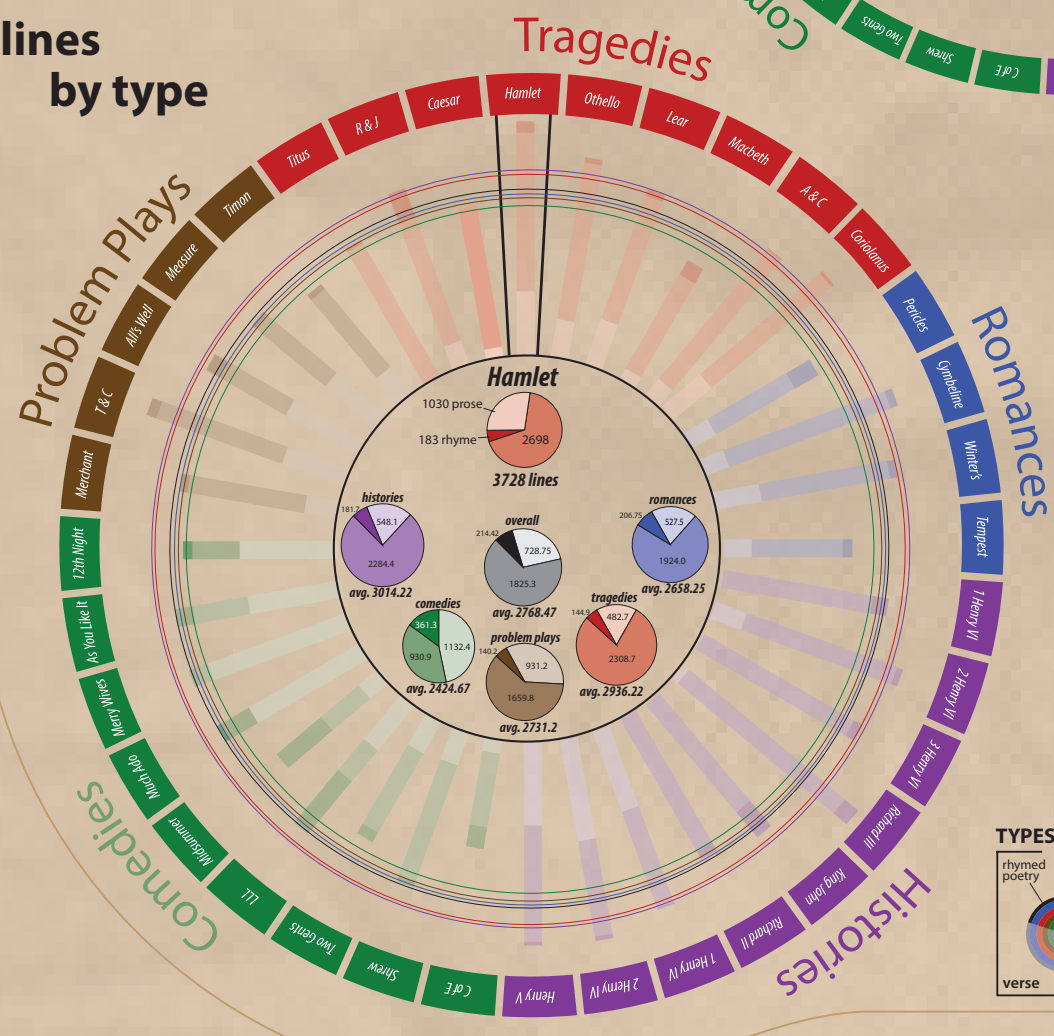
A mourning son, who would be king.  
A ghost of his father, who had been king.  
His murderous uncle, who is king.  
Revenge, a play, and madness--both feigned and all-too (and suicidal-ly) real.  
It's the Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark.



scenes by act

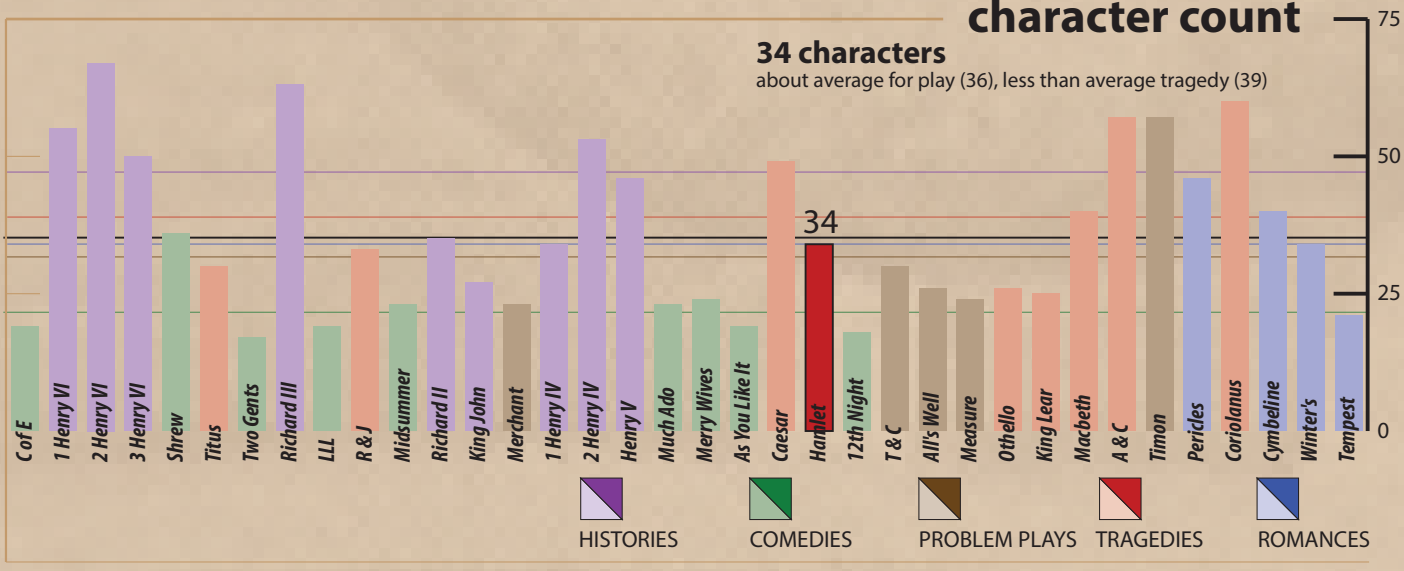
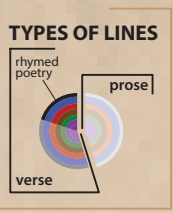
**20 scenes**  
about average for plays (21), less than average tragedy (24)

lines by type



**1030 lines of prose**  
27.33% of total lines; about average for a play (26.32%), more than average tragedy: 16.44%)

**183 rhyming lines**  
4.91% of total lines, lower than the average play (8.35%) and tragedy (5.09%)



**34 characters**  
about average for play (36), less than average tragedy (39)

character count