

Of Princes & Presidents



Our encounter with Shakespeare's tragedy introduced us to an immensely complex character in Hamlet. But let's not forget another complex character: Jed Bartlet from the West Wing "Two Cathedrals" episode. Both of these guys were influenced by grief and "ghosts" and moved to contemplate significant actions. Both were deep thinkers and would-be leaders who pondered powerful questions and held others' lives in their hands. Both were driven by the complexities of doing "the right thing."

So... Who is more complex & interesting?

Instead of writing a persuasive essay answering this question, you will take on the role of a Rock & Roll concert promoter selecting the headliner and featured act for your upcoming "Princes & Presidents" Tour. The guy you think is the most complex & interesting will be your headliner, and the other guy will be your featured act.

You will need to **SELL YOUR IDEAS** by doing the following:

- Use either of the two (2) templates provided on our website: TeacherMetzler.com
- TYPE your content in the two (2) boxes provided.
- Use language such as "[So and so], the most interesting character ever, who [include important actions and/or challenges], thinks about [include deep thoughts], and says things like [include "loud lines"]. A man who [include any further commentary to sell your point of view] and leaves his audience wondering [again, add more insight]." You could also add "What critics say..." or anything else creative. In the end, TRY TO PACK YOUR STRONGEST EVIDENCE INTO THIS TIGHT SPACE!
- NOTE: Do NOT sell your featured character short!! Give him a strong argument & support using language like "A complex character who...."

40 points

DUE: _____

