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By William Kerrigan

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Hamlet Theme 1: Revenge. There are two young men bent on avenging.Â Shakespeare's Hamlet is a revenge tragedy but, being by the mature Shakespeare, it is very much more than that. Nevertheless, the play hangs on the skeleton of the then fashionable revenge story "in this case, a young man told by his late father's ghost that he has been murdered by his brother and so, according to convention, the young man has the obligation to seek and achieve revenge.