



Week 11 & 12 Notes

- I. Hamlet
 - a. Polonius
 - i. Father to Laertes & Ophelia
 - ii. Claudius' Assistant
 - iii. Comedia del Arte: Italian dramatic form. Specific characters like the old windbag (which is what Polonius is).
- II. Seventeenth Century
 - a. Ben Johnson
 - b. John Milton
 - c. John Donne ("The Flea")
 - d. George Herbert
- III. Donne's Holy Sonnets (Adapting secular format to the religious work)
- IV. Paradise Lost
 - a. John Milton (1608 – 1674).
 - b. Written 1667.
 - c. Christian Epic
 - d. "In Media Res" (starts 'in the middle of things')
 - e. Invoking of Muse
 - f. Asks Epic question: Why do we live in a fallen world?
 - g. Others: What happened in Eden? How did we come to lose paradise?
 - h. Epic Hero