**Human Nature Themes:**

-philosophers (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Freud, blank slate, nature v. nurture

-desire for power and money

-desire for redemption

-happiness

-dealing with adversity (fight or flight)

-isolation

-identity

-growth/ change

-perception (illusion/reality/bias)

-individual vs. collective

-classification systems in society (creation of law and society-construct of law to understand the world)

-commitment

-morality

-self preservation- procreation

-desiring status quo- motivation and justification

-morals/ethics/values

-is it human nature to question or to take it at face value

-acceptance vs. inquiry   
  
Through character development in Shakespeare’s play, *Hamlet*, the reader learns that one must question the world around them in order to find the truth.

-companionship

-inspiration

-attachment

-optimism vs pessimism

-drive

-hierarchy

-challenge or path of least resistance

-constructs to understand world

-us vs. them

-behaviours, actions, emotions, jealousy

-survival of the fittest

-power dynamics

Interesting Quotes on Human Nature

“No human being is ever beyond redemption. The possibility of renewal exists so long as life exists. How to support that possibility in others and ourselves is the ultimate question.” -Gabor Mate

-In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts