

# Student Examples of Epitaphs

## Hamlet by Jessica Borgonzi

Here rest a great prince  
Taken away in an untimely death,  
All will miss him and mourn his passing.

A noble spirit and a sincere man,  
Troublesome near his final days.  
To be or not to be was his question.  
A struggle within himself,  
Until the dreadful day he was taken and heaven gained him.

He left behind a story that will be remembered forever,  
And he will be remembered for his character and struggle.  
He can now join his father and his God.

## King Claudius by Maurizio Turco

You were evil; now you are dead  
Your brother's wife is whom you have wed  
To get to her, you had to get through him  
Even though you murdered his thoughts,  
They have not faded and  
They are not dim.

You had it all with nothing in your way  
Until young Hamlet found out that day  
That his father was murdered by his brother  
Then you, Hamlet, and Laertes were all murdered one after the other.

The difference is they have made it above, and you made it below  
Now you are trapped with the devil, and there's no place to go  
Now your soul is trapped and bodiless  
Where under the earth, eaten by worms lies you, King Claudius.

## Ophelia by Kady Le

Beneath this stone . . .  
She as a blameless daughter  
She was in love with Hamlet  
She was stunning  
She picked beautiful flowers  
To free her own spirit  
And to escape reality  
She drowned herself in the spring willingly  
Nothing left important  
Here lies Ophelia.

## Ophelia by John Caccaviello

We all knew how much you loved flowers  
So we decided to show you what these flowers meant to us  
Rosemary shows us how we will always remember you.  
Pansies show us how thoughtful you were as a person  
Fennel is for the excessive praise we give to you  
Columbines represent your foolishness in which you left your life.  
Rue represents the sin you commit and that was we dearly forgive you for it  
Daisies show us how innocent you were as a person  
Violets represent the faithfulness we all have that God has accepted you into his magical  
Kingdom of Heaven.