1. Read Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. The NHS English Department has copies available for sign-out (see me in room 308), or you can purchase your own copy. (We’ll be using the “New Folger Library” edition with the blue cover.)

Sometime in late June 2019 …

2. View one of the many film versions of *Hamlet*. Some of the more renowned versions include:

- (1948) Dir. by Laurence Olivier. Starring Laurence Olivier.
- (1990) Dir. by Franco Zeffirelli. Starring Mel Gibson. (Also: Glenn Close, Helena Bonham-Carter)
- (1996) Dir. by Kenneth Branagh. Starring Kenneth Branagh. (Also: Julie Christie, Kate Winslet, Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Charlton Heston)

NOTE: There are other versions available. Feel free to watch a version NOT listed above.

(OVER)
July 1, 2019:

3. Come prepared on Day One with notes consisting of specific talking points in analysis of the film adaptation of the play. Your notes should reflect an understanding of choices on the part of the director and/or actors as well as an understanding of the play itself. These notes may be typed or neatly handwritten. No more than two pages, please!

August 28, 2019:

4. Be prepared for an in-class assessment of Hamlet on one of the first school days of the year. This assessment will likely come in the form of an in-class A.P.-like open ended essay.