

Text Analysis

SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY: SOLILOQUY/ASIDE

A **soliloquy** is a long speech that a character makes while alone on stage or when no one on stage is supposed to be listening. An **aside** is a remark that a character says to the audience or another character but that everyone else on stage is not supposed to hear. Shakespeare uses both devices to reveal characters' thoughts to the audience.

Directions: Use this chart to identify the soliloquies and asides in Act Two and to explain what each example reveals about the character who speaks it.

Scene and Line Nos.	Speaker	Soliloquy or Aside?	What It Reveals