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Ophelia's Struggle

Short Answer Key

1. Ophelia loves Hamlet, but her father and brother tell her to stay away from him, making her feel torn between love and duty.
2. They tell her who she can love and what she should do, making decisions for her instead of letting her decide for herself.
3. Without her father, she feels completely alone and does not know what to do.
4. Ophelia's experience shows that women in her time had to obey men and had little control over their own lives.
5. Shakespeare may have wanted to show how dangerous it is when people, especially women, are not allowed to make their own choices.

