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## A Guilty King

### Short Answer Key

1. Claudius marries Gertrude quickly to secure his position as king and gain the people's trust.
2. He spies on Hamlet, sends him away to England, and plots to have him killed.
3. He knows that what he did was wrong, but he still wants to keep his throne, so he cannot truly repent.
4. Unlike a traditional villain, Claudius is not purely evil—he is a flawed and fearful man who makes selfish choices.
5. Claudius's plan backfires, and he is killed because his greed and fear led to dangerous choices.

