

Greek Influence Assignment 21

- *literature.* Read *Hamlet*, Act I and be prepared for a quiz on the general content of the act.
- *source material for the play.* On the right is a picture of the title page of Thomas Kyd's *Spanish Tragedy*; this predecessor to the play *Hamlet* has the theme of revenge and contains a play within a play. T. S. Eliot quotes the *Spanish Tragedy* in his famous poem "Wasteland." It was Eliot who wrote an influential essay on *Hamlet*, claiming that it failed in that Shakespeare did not find an "objective correlative." We will go over that term later in our study of *Hamlet*.

Long Range Assignment

- You will be taking a half-hour essay test on *The Mayor of Casterbridge* on the last Friday in February. You can write about any of the topics suggested by the class discussion questions.
- Speech Night will be on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 6:30. You will be choosing any of the narratives you have written thus far. You will also be writing a dramatic monolog on *Hamlet* from one of the works that we have read and a persuasive essay, both of which may also be chosen.
- Our "written in stone" date for our Greek Project will be **Friday at 6:30 on March 15.**

