Settings of Hamlet (Act I)

Hamlet is a tragedy written by William Shakespeare. This tragedy is set in Elsinore, a royal caste in Denmark. The space of the tragedy is both outdoor and indoor. It consists in acts that are organize into scene. Hamlet has five acts organized into different number of scene. In this case the first act consists of five scene. In the first scene of the first act the space is a platform before the castle. It takes place at night. The character of this scene are: Bernardo (soldier), Francisco(soldier), Marcellus (soldier), Horatio (friend of Prince Hamlet) and the Ghost. In the second scene the space is a room of the castle. The character of this scene are: Claudius (the King of Denmark), Voltemand and Cornelius (members of the Danish court), Polonius (counsellor to the King), Laertes(the son of Polonius), Hamlet (son of the late King Hamlet and of the Queen), Gertrude (Queen of Denmark, widow of the late King and brother of Claudius) and Horatio. The third scene is set in a room of the castle. The character of the scene are: Polonius, Laertes and Ophelia. Ophelia is the daughter of Polonius. The fourth scene is set in the platform of the castle. The character of this scene are: Hamlet, Horatio and Marcellus. The fifth scene is set in the same place of the fourth scene that is the platform of the castle. It takes place at night. The character of this scene are Hamlet and the Ghost.

The setting of the first act is both real space and metaphorical space. The setting of this act is based on the cycles nature.