

## Macbeth Study Guide – Act V

As a group, complete the following study guide. Remember to *read* each scene out loud as a group before you answer the questions.

### **Act 5, Scene 1** – Lady Macbeth’s sleepwalking

Talk with your group about the subject of this scene – sleepwalking. What are some reasons why people sleepwalk?

Pick out 3 or 4 lines that link to other scenes in the play. Remember to cite each line and write the link to the other scenes.

What does the doctor fear?

### **Act 5, Scene 2** – Moving closer

With whom are the soldiers aligned?

What news do they share about Malcolm? Macbeth?

### **Act 5, Scene 3** – Bad news for Macbeth

How does Macbeth use the prophecies to bolster his courage?

With your group, choose the lines that indicate Macbeth understands that he did wrong:

What news does the doctor bring to Macbeth?

**Act 5, Scene 4** – They're closing in

Which of the prophecies is coming true?

**Act 5, Scene 5** – Goodbye, Lady Macbeth

How does Macbeth feel about life after he hears about Lady Macbeth's death?

What (more) bad news does the messenger bring to Macbeth?

**Act 5, Scene 6** – The battle is approaching!

Where are the soldiers?

**Act 5, Scene 7** – Macbeth is getting nervous...

Why does Macbeth kill Young Siward?

**Act 5, Scene 8** – The curtain closes on Macbeth's reign

How do the first and second apparitions/prophecies come true?

How does Malcolm plan to rectify the terrible situation Macbeth created?