

# Macbeth Study Guide

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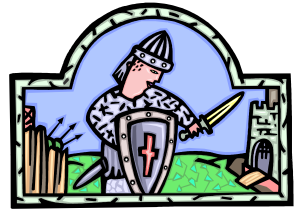
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***Macbeth* Literary Terms**

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Example</u>
Dynamic Character		
Paradox		
Allusion		
Aside		
Soliloquy		
Symbolism		
Dramatic Irony		
Verbal Irony		

Theme		
Blank Verse		
Tragedy		
Tragic Hero		
Foreshadowing		
Foil		
Comic Relief		

## Macbeth Study Guide- Act I



Before beginning the reading:

Define the following words on your literary term chart:

Blank Verse

Tragedy

Tragic Hero

Scene One

\*Define paradox.

1. What is the setting of scene 1? What is the weather like?
2. What are the witches discussing?
3. "Fair is foul and foul is fair". Explain the meaning of this statement.
4. The witches do not speak in blank verse. What format do they speak in? Why do you Shakespeare chose this?

Scene Two

\*Define Allusion

5. Who does the Captain give credit to for being brave?
6. Who attacks Macbeth and Banquo?
7. Explain the analogy, "As sparrows eagles, or the hare the lion." (p 330) Relate this to Macbeth and Banquo.
8. What news does Ross bring?
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10. Why did the King of Norway pay \$10000 to the Scottish army?
11. Why is the Thane of Cawdor sentenced to death?
12. What reward has the king decided to give to Macbeth?

### Scene Three

\*Define Aside

13. What type of nature occurs when the witches make an appearance?
14. What type of trouble do the witches want to cause?
15. What are the three greetings the witches use to hail Macbeth?
16. Why is this so important?
17. What are they prophesizing?
18. On page 334, lines 65- 69, what do the witches say about Banquo?
19. Do the witches tell Macbeth how they know this information? What do they do?
20. What news do Ross and Angus share with Macbeth and Banquo?
21. Why is Macbeth chosen to receive the title, Thane of Cawdor?
22. Contrast Macbeth's attitude about the witches' prophesies to Banquo's attitude?

### Scene Four

23. What does Duncan say to Macbeth?
24. Who does Duncan name as heir to his throne?
25. How does the King plan to honor Macbeth?
26. What does Macbeth hope for?

### Scene Five

\*Define Soliloquy

27. What news does Lady Macbeth learn from Macbeth's letter?
28. What does Lady Macbeth want for her husband?
29. How does Lady Macbeth view her husband's nature?
30. What does Lady Macbeth ask the spirits to do to her? Why?
31. What is the significance of Lady Macbeth's statement, "O, never shall sun that morrow see!"
32. What is Lady Macbeth's advice to Macbeth?

### Scene Six

\*Define Dramatic Irony

33. Why does Duncan visit Macbeth?
34. How does Lady Macbeth behave toward Duncan when they are there?
35. How is her behavior an example of dramatic irony?

### Scene Seven

36. What is Macbeth struggling with during dinner?
37. What reasons does Macbeth give to NOT kill Duncan?
38. How does Lady Macbeth try to convince Macbeth to carry out her plan?

39. At the end of Act I what have they decided?

## ***Macbeth Act II Study Guide***

### Scene One

\*Define Foreshadowing

1. Do you think Banquo suspects Macbeth's intentions? Why or why not?
2. What does Macbeth wish to discuss with Banquo at another time?
3. What does Macbeth see floating in midair? What is the importance of this?
4. What is Macbeth referring to in lines 49-50, "Now o'er the one half world/ Nature seems dead"?
5. Why is the bell significant? Explain the TWO meanings.

### Scene Two

\*Define Symbol

6. Who are the "surfeited grooms"?
7. What did Lady Macbeth do?
8. What noise does Lady Macbeth hear?
9. What noises did Macbeth hear after he killed Duncan?
10. Why is Macbeth so upset because he cannot say "Amen"?

11. Why does Lady Macbeth tell her husband not to think of their deeds?
12. Why does Macbeth fear he will get no sleep? What is sleep good for?
13. What does Lady Macbeth want Macbeth to do? (2 things)
14. What does Lady Macbeth plan to do with the dagger?
15. According to Lady Macbeth what will clear them of this deed?
16. What is the symbol in this scene? What does it symbolize?

### Scene Three

#### \*Define Comic Relief and Verbal Irony

17. Explain the comic relief in scene 3.
18. What is the Porter's joke about "drink"?
19. What does Lennox tell Macbeth occurred during the night?
20. Who discovers Duncan has been murdered?
21. Who does Macbeth say he killed in fury? Why did he really kill them?
22. What do Donalbain and Malcolm decide to do? Why?



#### Scene Four

##### \*Define Dynamic Character

23. Summarize the conversation between Ross and the Old Man.
24. Ross and Macduff believed who may have killed Duncan? Why do they assume this?
25. Ross says that the title will fall upon whom?
26. Where is Duncan's body?

### ***Macbeth Act III Study Guide***

#### Scene One

1. What does Banquo suspect?
2. Line 27, p. 364 "Fail not our feast". When you have finished reading Act III explain how this is verbal irony.
3. Where are Banquo and Fleance going?
4. Why does Macbeth feel he must kill Banquo and his sons?
5. How does Macbeth convince the murderers?

#### Scene Two

6. What has troubled Lady Macbeth and Macbeth since Duncan's death?
7. What does Macbeth think will happen at night?

### Scene Three

8. Explain Banquo's murder. What happened? What went wrong?

### Scene Four

\*Define Dramatic Irony

9. What news does Macbeth learn at the start of the feast that disturbs him?
10. Who does Macbeth see at dinner? How does he react?
11. How does Lady Macbeth respond to her husband's outburst? What does she say is wrong with him? What does this say about her character?
12. Macbeth is clearly upset. Why? What numerous things does he fear?
13. What does Macbeth learn about Macduff?
14. Who does he plan to consult for advice?

### Scene Five

15. Summarize Hecate's speech.
16. What does she plan to do?

### Scene Six

17. What does Lennox imply about Macbeth?
18. Where has Macduff gone? Why? Why is Macbeth angry about this?
19. What is Malcolm's birth right?



## **Act IV Study Guide *Macbeth***

### Scene One

1. What are the witches doing? What ingredients do they use?
2. How has Macbeth's attitude toward the witches changed?
3. Describe the three apparitions and their messages.
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  - 2.
  - 3.
4. Why is Macbeth so angered at the sight of the last apparition?
5. What does Lennox bring word of?
6. What does Macbeth vow to do?

### Scene Two

7. Why is Lady Macduff worried/ mad?
8. How does Ross comfort her?
9. Why does Lady Macduff tell her son his father is dead?
10. When the messenger tells her she is in danger, what does she say about good and bad in this world?
11. Who is murdered? Doesn't this make you sad??????????????

### Scene Three

\*Define Foil

12. What is Malcolm concerned about?
13. What does Macduff want Malcolm to do?
14. List the reasons Malcolm gives that he is unworthy to be king.
15. How does Malcolm test Macduff's integrity? How could this test have backfired for Malcolm?
16. How is King Edward a foil for Macbeth?
17. What news does Ross bring? How does Macduff handle this?
18. What point does Macduff make about masculinity?

## **Act V *Macbeth*- Study Guide**

### Scene One

1. What do the Gentlewoman and the Doctor observe Lady Macbeth doing?
2. What motion does Lady Macbeth make with her hands?
3. What does Lady Macbeth say?
4. What secrets does she reveal?

### Scene Two

5. Who is joining Malcolm and the English army?
6. Who are some members of the Scottish rebels?

### Scene Three

7. Why is Macbeth not worried about the armies coming to attack him? (Two reasons)
8. In what ways does Macbeth insult his servant?
9. What does the Doctor tell Macbeth?
10. How can Lady Macbeth be healed?

### Scene Four

11. How is Birnam Wood coming to Dunsinane? Describe.

### Scene Five

12. Why can't Macbeth go into battle?
13. When does Macbeth wish his wife would have died...in order to make it more convenient for him? How did she die?
14. How does Macbeth describe his role in the world?
15. What news does the messenger bring to Macbeth?
16. How does he react?

### Scene Six

17. What is the purpose of scene 6?

### Scene Seven

18. Who does Macbeth kill?
19. Who does Macduff ONLY want to fight?

Scene Eight

20. Why does Macbeth say he does not want to fight Macduff?

21. How was Macduff born? What was the witches' prophecy?

22. Describe the battle between Macbeth and Macduff.

23. How does Siward respond to his son's death?

24. When Macduff re-enters what is he holding?

25. Who is the new King? What does he say in his speech?

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*Macbeth* Significant Quotes

**Directions:** Explain the following quotes. The speaker is listed for you. You should explain the circumstances surrounding the quote, what it means, and any other significance. Include any literary terms that apply (symbolism/soliloquy etc).

1. "So foul and fair a day I have not seen" Macbeth (Act 1 Scene 3)

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2. "If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me". Macbeth (Act I, Scene III).

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3. "Look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under 't." Lady Macbeth (Act I, Scene V).

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4. "Is this a dagger which I see before me, The handle toward my hand?" Macbeth (Act II, Scene I).

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5. "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand? No, this my hand will rather the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red" Macbeth (Act II, Sc. II).

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6. "Out, damned spot! out, I say!" – Lady Macbeth (Act V, Scene I).

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7. "Be bloody, bold, and resolute; Laugh to scorn The Power of man, for none of woman born Shall harm Macbeth." Witches (Act 4 Scene 1)

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8. "He's here in double trust: First as I am his kinsman and his subject, Strong both against the deed; then, as his host Who should against his murderer shut the door, Not bear the knife myself." Macbeth (Act 1 Scene 7)

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9. “Come, you spirits that tend on mortal thoughts! Unsex me here, And fill me from the crown to the toe top full Of direst cruelty.” Lady Macbeth (Act 1 Scene 5)
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