**Macbeth**

**William Shakespeare**

Study Booklet

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**Useful Words**

**Connected to Tragedy**

1. Tragic Hero *The main character in a tragedy who experiences a significant downfall*
2. Tragic Flaw *The character flaw responsible for the downfall of the tragic hero*
3. Hamartia *A fatal error of judgement*
4. Hubris *Excessive pride*
5. Anagnorisis *A moment where the tragic hero has a profound insight or a heightened sense of awareness*
6. Catharsis *Release of strong emotions resulting in a feeling of relief and renewal*
7. Fate *Events that happen inevitably and beyond the control of individuals*

**Connected to Context**

1. Hierarchy *Ordering of people according to their social status and perceived importance*
2. Regicide *The act of killing a king*
3. Prophecy *A prediction for the future based on spiritual or mystical knowledge*
4. Apparition *A ghostly image of person*

**Connected to Macbeth**

1. Brave *Showing strength in a challenging situation*
2. Dominant *Possessing power over others*
3. Doubtful *A feeling of skepticism or doubt*
4. Conflicted *Anxiety that arises from having different ideas, feelings or beliefs*
5. Murderous *Possessing the intent and capability to commit murder*
6. Insecure *A feeling of anxiety connected to safety or status*
7. Isolated *Separated from others*
8. Vengeful *Seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injustice*
9. Fearful *Feeling or showing fear or anxiety*
10. Distraught Very worried or upset

**Connected to Lady Macbeth**

1. Ruthless *Showing limited pity or compassion in the pursuit of a particular goal*
2. Ambitious *Possessing a strong desire to succeed*
3. Intelligent *Having the ability to understand things and deal with difficult situations*
4. Persuasive *The ability to influence people*
5. Forceful *Strong and assertive*
6. Manipulative *The ability to use influence for personal gain*
7. Calculating *Scheming in a determined way*
8. Delusional *Belief in things that are not true*
9. Regretful *Feeling or showing regret*

**Context Snapshots**

**James I**

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**A1S1 and A1S3: The Witches**

**Questions to Consider**

1. Why might Shakespeare have chosen to make witches such a prominent part of the play?
2. Why is the weather stormy?
3. Why do the witches speak in such a distinctive way?
4. Why do we see them on stage before Macbeth?
5. Why do the witches talk at length about punishing a sailor and his wife?
6. Why do the witches look so strange and grotesque?



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**Significant Because Sentences**

1. The prominent focus on witches is significant because…
2. The ‘thunder and lightning’ at the start of the play is significant because…
3. The distinctive way in which the witches speak is significant because…
4. The anecdote about the curse placed on the sailor is significant because…
5. The ‘withered’ and ‘wild’ appearance of the witches is significant because…

**A1S2: Victorious Macbeth**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What does the Captain report about Macbeth?
2. What images does he use?
3. How does Duncan react to what he’s told?
4. How does he reward Macbeth?



**Quotations**

* ‘But all’s too weak for brave Macbeth’
* ‘Till he unseamed him from the nave to the chops’
* ‘As cannons overcharged with double cracks’

**Because-But Sentences**

1. The Captain reports that victory looked ‘doubtful’ because…
2. The Captain reports that victory looked ‘doubtful’, but…
3. The Captain uses the adjective ‘brave’ to describe Macbeth because…
4. The violent imagery connected to Macdonwald’s death is significant because…
5. The ‘cannons’ simile is significant because…
6. The King of Norway launched a ‘fresh assault’ after Macdonwald was defeated, but…

**A1S3: Prophecies of Greatness**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What do the witches prophecise?
2. How does Macbeth react?
3. What is the purpose of the ‘asides’?
4. How does Banquo react?
5. How do both characters react to Macbeth being made the new Thane of Cawdor?



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**Quotations**

* ‘So \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a day I have not seen’
* ‘And oftentimes, to win us to our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the instruments of darkness tell us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* ‘Why do I yield to that suggestion whose horrid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doth unfix my hair and make my seated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knock at my ribs’

**Because-But Sentences**

1. Macbeth believes the former Thane of Cawdor ‘lives a prosperous gentleman’, but…
2. Banquo questions whether he and Macbeth have ‘eaten on the insane root’ because…
3. Macbeth uses the metaphor of ‘borrowed robes’ because…
4. Macbeth asks if Banquo hopes his ‘children shall be kings’, but…
5. Macbeth reflects on the ‘imperial theme’ of the third prophecy, but…

**A1S4: Macbeth’s Ambition**

**Questions to Consider**

1. How does Duncan greet Macbeth?
2. How does Macbeth behave towards Duncan?
3. What announcement does Duncan make?
4. What does Macbeth’s ‘aside’ reveal?
5. What imagery does Macbeth use to describes his true feelings?



**Quotations**

* ‘There’s no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to finding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* ‘O \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cousin’
* ‘The service and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I owe in doing it pays itself’
* ‘Our eldest, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whom we name hereafter the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* ‘The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – that is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on which I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or else \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* ‘Stars \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your fires, let not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ see my black and deep desires’

**Before-After Sentences**

1. Before Macbeth and Banquo arrive on stage…
2. After Macbeth and Banquo arrive on stage…
3. Before Duncan announces that Malcolm will be made Prince of Cumberland…
4. After Duncan announces that Malcolm will be made Prince of Cumberland…

**A1S5: Lady Macbeth**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What does Macbeth’s letter reveal?
2. What do we learn from Lady Macbeth’s first soliloquy?
3. What do we learn from her second?
4. What imagery does Lady Macbeth use to describes her true feelings?
5. What does Macbeth agree to do?



**Quotations**

* ‘I fear thy nature is too full o’ th’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of human kindness’
* ‘Come you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here’
* ‘And take my milk for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* ‘And pall thee in the dunnest smoke of hell’
* ‘Look like th’ innocent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under’t’

**This Shows Sentences**

1. Lady Macbeth fears that Macbeth is ‘too full o’ th’ milk of human kindness’. This shows…
2. Lady Macbeth appeals to evil spirits to ‘unsex’ her. This shows…
3. Lady Macbeth tells Macbeth to ‘leave all the rest’ to her. This shows…

**A1S7: Macbeth’s Doubts and Fears**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What conflicting thoughts are revealed in Macbeth’s soliloquy?
2. What are Macbeth’s views on Duncan as a king?
3. How does Lady Macbeth respond to Macbeth’s reluctance to murder Duncan?



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**Although Sentences**

1. Although Macbeth seemed to accept the importance of murdering Duncan in A1S5…
2. Although Macbeth states that he will ‘proceed no further’ with the murder of Duncan…
3. Although Macbeth protests that he ‘dare do all that may become a man’…
4. Although Macbeth expresses concerns about the plan failing…
5. Although Macbeth is presented as a conflicted character at the start of the scene…

**A2S1: Macbeth’s Soliloquy**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What do we learn from the interaction between Macbeth and Banquo at the start of the scene?
2. How is Macbeth’s state of mind presented during his soliloquy?
3. What is the significance of the dagger?
4. Why is it significant that the scene is set at night?



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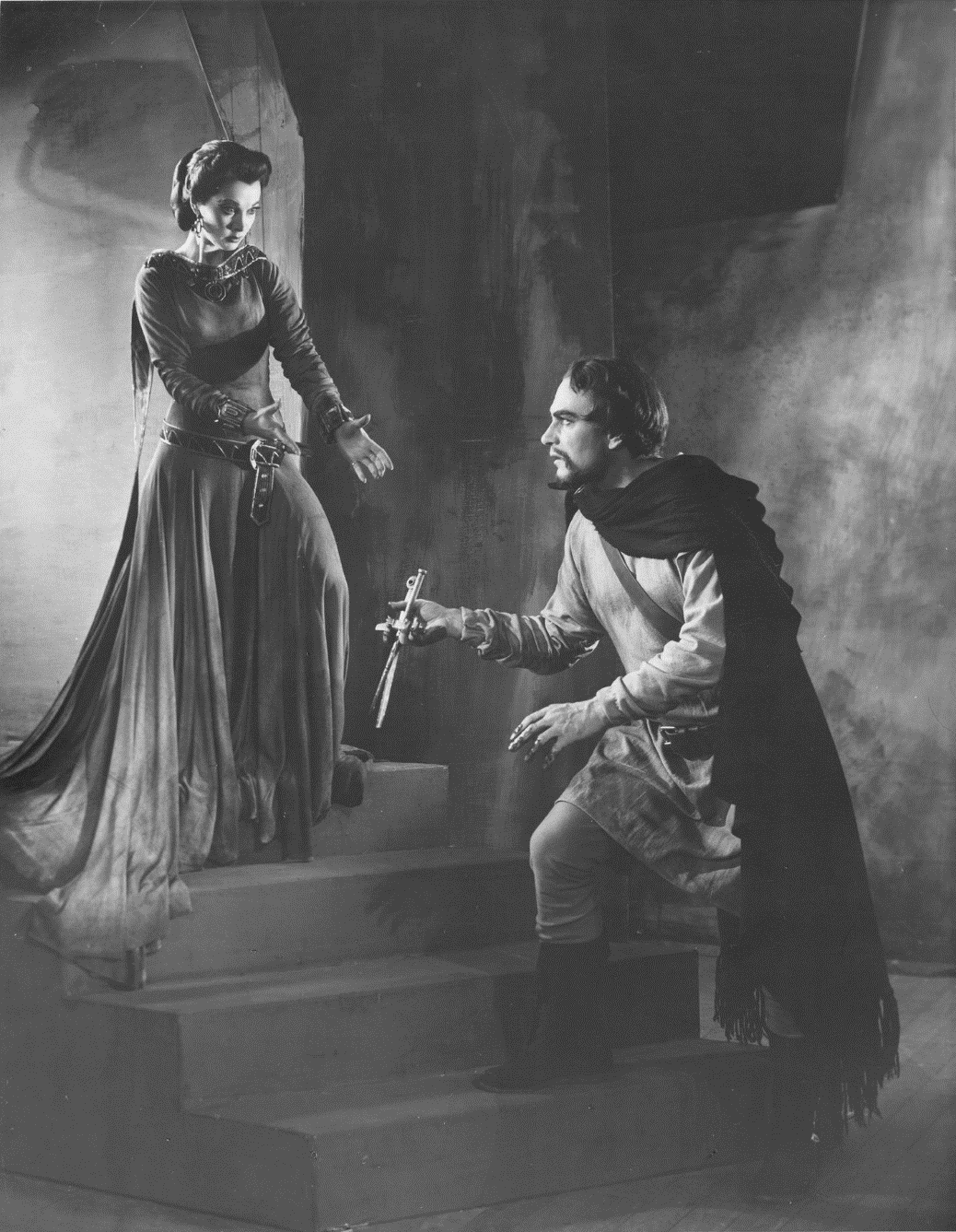
**Mixed Practice Sentences**

1. Banquo says to Fleance that ‘there’s husbandry in heaven’. This shows…
2. Macbeth tells Banquo that he does not ‘think’ of the witches because…
3. Macbeth tells Banquo that he does not ‘think’ of the witches, but…
4. Although Macbeth sees a dagger in ‘palpable’ form…
5. After Macbeth hears the ‘bell’, he…
6. This part of the play is particularly important because…

**A2S2: The Murder**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What do we learn about how Lady Macbeth feels at the start of the scene?
2. How is Macbeth presented?
3. How is Lady Macbeth presented?
4. What is significance of the blood on Macbeth’s hands and his fears about not being able to sleep?



**Language**

*Source: English and Media Centre*

The audience will also sit up and take notice if there is a stretch of lines which don’t rhyme (blank verse) and then some which do rhyme. Shakespeare inherited a convention of ending scenes with rhyming couplets. Something else he does is to chart the relationships between characters, particularly the power relationships, by splitting a line between characters. You need to think about whether the second character is filling in a gap or a pause when the first one has finished or whether the second character is interrupting.

**Not Only… But Also Sentences**

1. The blood on Macbeth’s hands is not only significant because [ ? ] but also [ ? ]
2. Macbeth’s fear that he will ‘sleep no more’ is not only significant because [ ? ] but also [ ? ]
3. Lady Macbeth’s anger at Macbeth’s erratic behaviour is not only shown through [ ? ] but also [ ? ]

**A2S3 and A2S4: The Aftermath of the Murder**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What is the purpose of the scene with the porter?
2. What is the significance of the stormy weather?
3. What are the differences between the way in which Macduff and Macbeth speak?
4. Why is it significant that Lady Macbeth faints?
5. Why do Malcolm and Donalbain decide to leave Scotland?
6. What is the significance of the conversation between the Old Man and Ross?



**Quotations**

* ‘O \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, horror!’
* ‘Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ murder’

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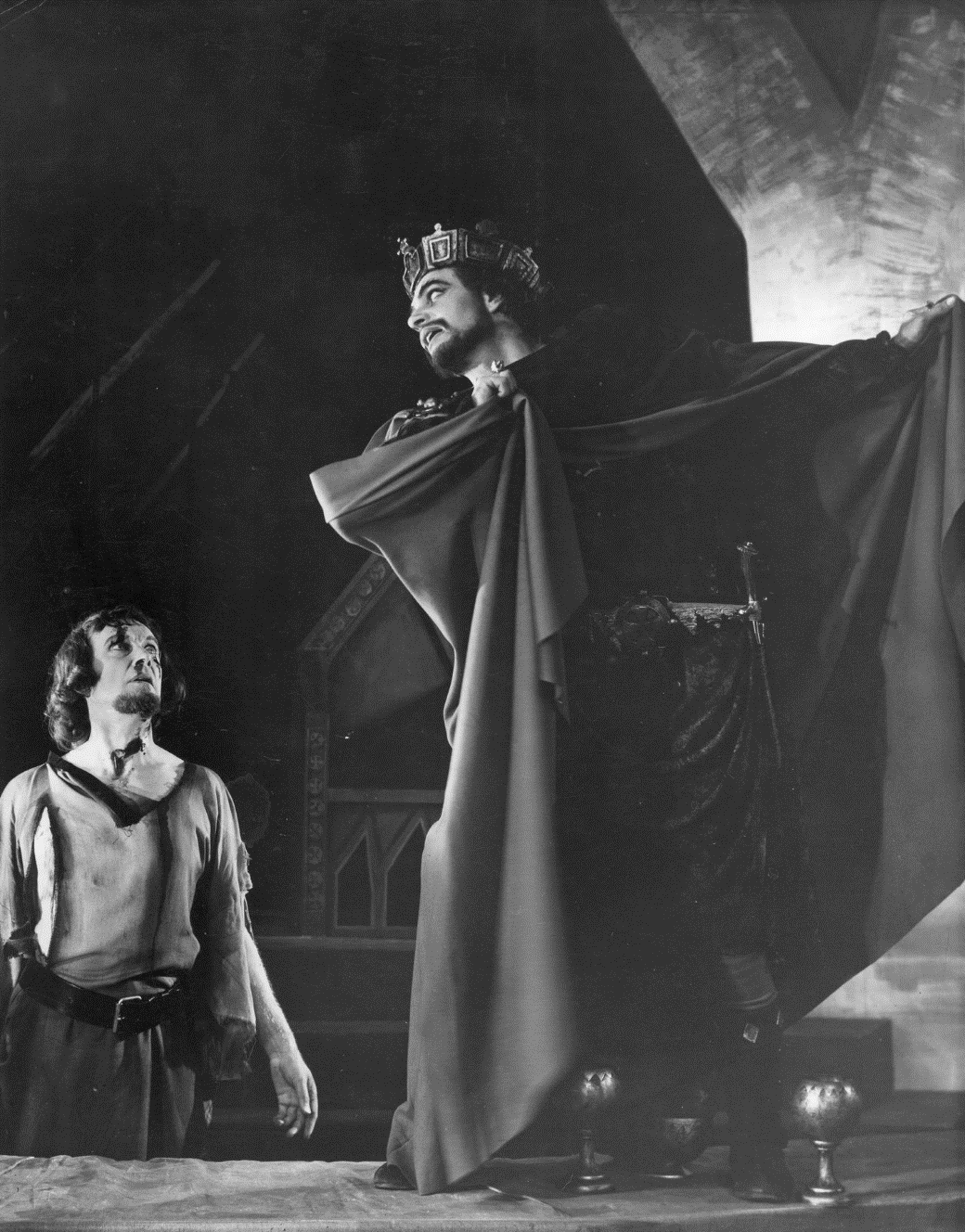
**Before-After Sentences**

1. Before Macduff enters Duncan’s bedchamber…
2. After Macduff enters Duncan’s bedchamber…

**A3S1 and A3S2: Fears About Banquo**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What ‘fear’ about Macbeth does Banquo express at the start of the scene?
2. Why does Macbeth describe Malcolm and Donalbain as ‘our bloody cousins’?
3. What ‘fears’ about Banquo does Macbeth express in his soliloquy?
4. What does Macbeth ‘conclude’ about Banquo?
5. Why doesn’t Macbeth reveal details of his plan to Lady Macbeth?
6. What does this suggest about the shifting balance of power in the relationship?



**Quotations**

* ‘But that myself should be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and father of many kings’
* ‘Upon my head they placed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crown and put a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sceptre in my gripe’
* ‘O full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is my mind’
* ‘Come seeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, scarf up thy tender eye of pitiful day’

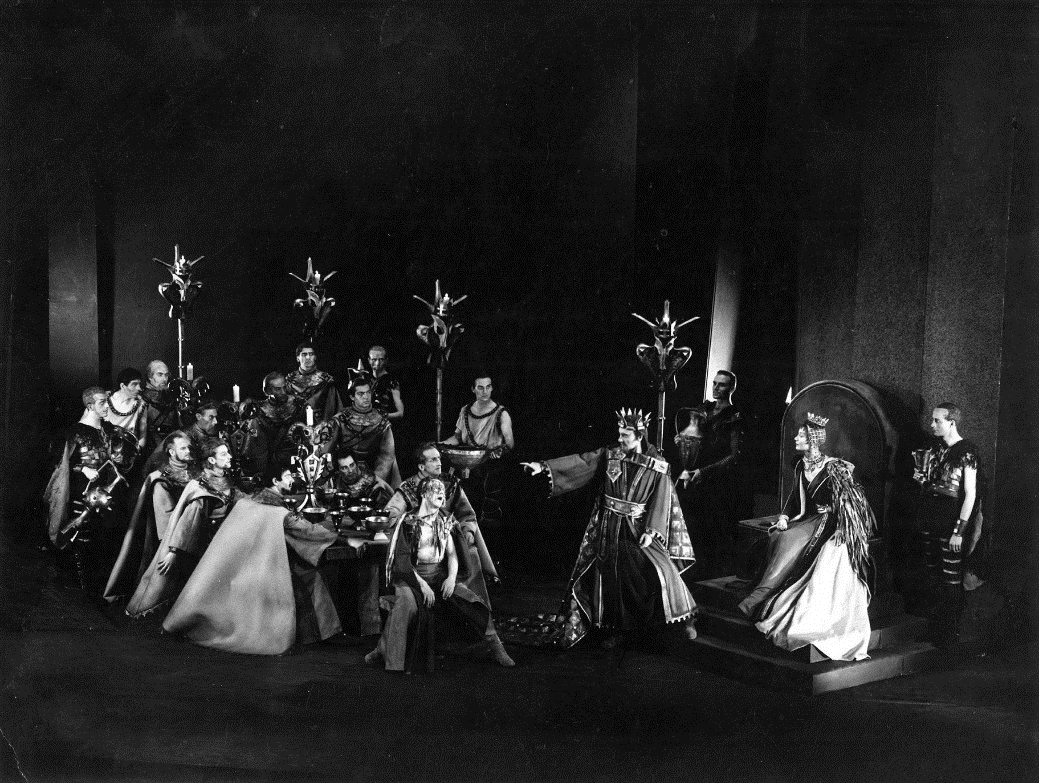
**When-Although Sentences**

1. When Macbeth uses the metaphor of a ‘fruitless crown’, he…
2. When Macbeth uses the metaphor of a ‘barren sceptre’, he…
3. Although Macbeth is king, he…
4. When Macbeth says that his mind is ‘full of scorpions’, he…
5. Although Lady Macbeth asks Macbeth to reveal his plans, he…

**A3S4: Banquo’s Ghost**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What news do the murders give to Macbeth?
2. How does Macbeth react to seeing the ghost of Banquo?
3. How does Lady Macbeth react towards Macbeth?
4. How does Macbeth react when the ghost of Banquo appears for the second time?
5. What does Macbeth say he will do at the end of the scene?



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**Mixed Practice Sentences**

1. Although Macbeth is told that Banquo ‘is safe in a ditch’…
2. The adjective ‘safe’ is used because…
3. Before the ghost of Banquo appears…
4. Macbeth’s reaction to the appearance the ghost is significant because…
5. After Ross remarks that Macbeth is ‘not well’…
6. The ghost of Banquo disappears, but…
7. Lady Macbeth’s reaction to Macbeth’s behavior is characterised not only by [ ? ] but also [ ? ]
8. At the end of the scene, Macbeth says that he will visit the ‘Weird Sisters’. This shows…

**A4S1: Return to the Witches**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What similarities are there between the opening of the scene and the beginning of the play?
2. How does Macbeth initially address the witches?
3. What is the significance of the first apparition?
4. How about the second?
5. How about the third?
6. What do the witches show Macbeth at the end?
7. How does he react?



**Appositive Sentences**

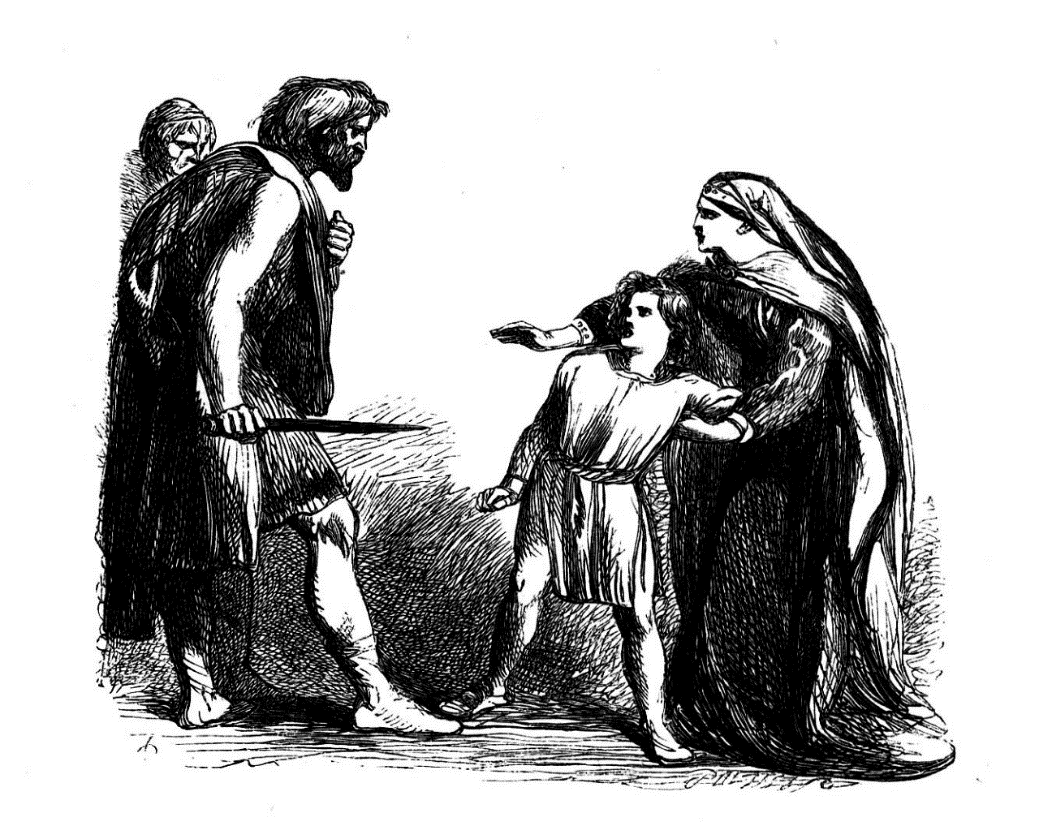
**an armed head** | **a bloody child** | **the last carrying a** **mirror** | **described as ‘midnight hags’** | **a crowned child with a tree in its hand**

1. The witches, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , conjure three apparitions from their cauldron
2. The first apparition, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , warns Macbeth to ‘beware Macduff’
3. The second apparition, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , says that ‘none of woman born’ will be able to harm Macbeth
4. The third apparition\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , appears to offer further reassurance to Macbeth
5. Macbeth is finally shown a procession of eight kings, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , followed by Banquo at the end

**A4S2 and A4S3: The Slaughter of Macduff’s Family**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What happens to Lady Macduff and her son after the messenger has delivered a warning?
2. What dismays Macduff about Malcolm’s attitude?
3. Why does Macduff describe Scotland as ‘O nation miserable’?
4. What does Malcolm do when Macduff finally convinces him that he is loyal?
5. What news does Ross deliver to Macduff?
6. What imagery is connected to Macduff’s family?



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**Appositive Sentences**

**reluctant to deliver the news** | **dismayed by Malcolm’s attitude** | **‘convinced by Macduff’s noble passion’**

1. Macduff, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, uses the metaphor of Scotland bleeding to emphasise his distress
2. Malcolm, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, eventually reveals that everything he previously said is untrue
3. Ross, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, does not immediately reveal that Macduff’s family have been ‘savagely slaughtered’

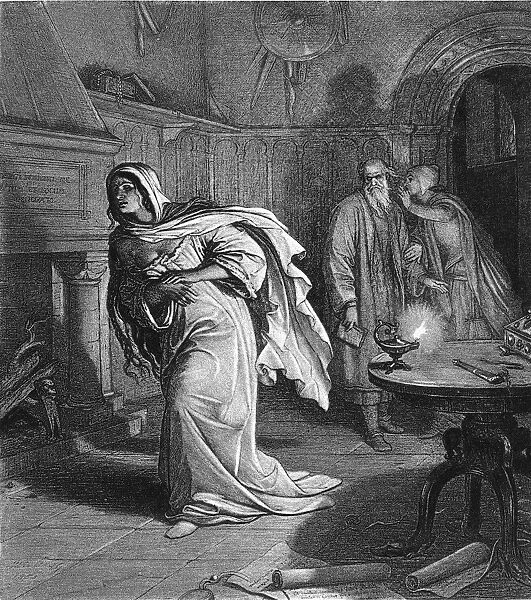
**Mixed Practice Sentences**

1. Malcolm exclaims ‘merciful heaven!’ after he hears the news that Macduff’s family have been killed. This shows…
2. The metaphor of a ‘hell-kite’ not only emphasises [ ? ] but also [ ? ]
3. Macduff describes his children as ‘pretty chickens’ because…
4. Although Macduff is clearly distraught, Malcolm advises him too…
5. Before the end of the scene, Macduff…

**A5S1: Lady Macbeth Sleepwalks**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What does Lady Macbeth do as she sleepwalks?
2. What are the views of the doctor and gentlewoman?
3. Where else is a lack of sleep mentioned in the play?
4. Where else are bloody hands mentioned in the play?



**Quotations**

* ‘Yet who would have thought the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have had so much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in him?’
* ‘Out damned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, out I say!’
* ‘Here’s the smell of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ still; all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand’

**Above All Sentences**

1. Above all, Lady Macbeth is presented as…
2. Above all, this scene is significant because…

**A5S3 and A5S5: The Death of Lady Macbeth**

**Questions to Consider**

1. How does Macbeth react to the news that Malcolm is planning to attack the castle?
2. How does the doctor describe Lady Macbeth’s condition?
3. What news does Seyton deliver about Lady Macbeth?
4. How does Macbeth react?



**Jumbled Sentences**

1. is used by The metaphor of a ‘brief candle’ Macbeth the brevity of life to emphasise
2. a ‘walking shadow’ the experience of life to Macbeth compares
3. of ‘sound and fury’ The image that life is essentially meaningless conveys Macbeth’s view

**As Revealed Sentences**

1. As revealed by her eventual death, Lady Macbeth…
2. As revealed by Macbeth’s reaction to the news that Lady Macbeth has died, he…

**A5S7, A5S8 and A5S9: The Death of Macbeth**

**Questions to Consider**

1. What does Young Siward say about Macbeth’s name (i.e. ‘title’)?
2. How does Macduff address Macbeth when he encounters him on the battlefield?
3. Why does Macbeth believe he lives a ‘charmed life’?
4. How do we know that Macduff is eventually victorious?
5. How does Malcolm describe Macbeth and Lady Macbeth at the end of the play?



**Fragment Sentences**

1. Young Siward + Macbeth + ‘devil’ + shows
2. Although + ‘charmed life’
3. Before + Macduff + encounters
4. Describes + ‘tyrant’
5. Macduff + revenge + victorious
6. Malcolm + restored + rightful
7. Macbeth + ‘dead butcher’ + not only + but also
8. Lady Macbeth + ‘fiend-like queen’ + because