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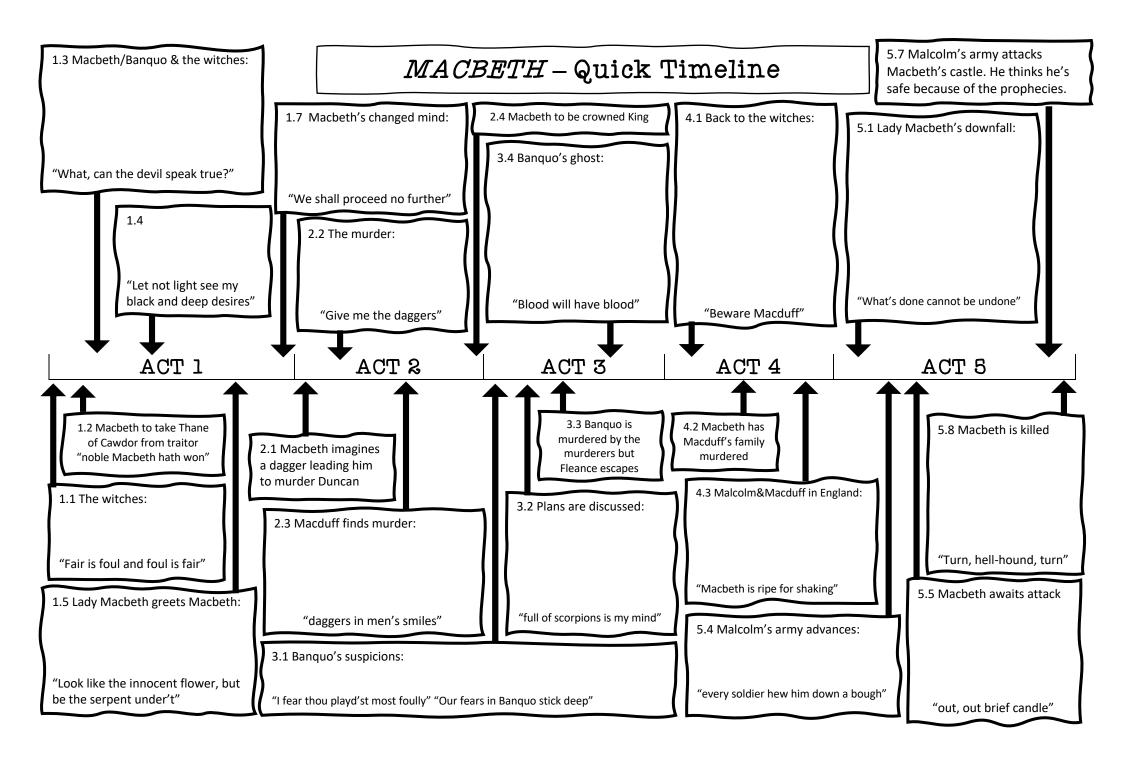
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Quotation		Said by	About	Moment	Methods
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	"brave" "noble" "worthy" "valiant"				
	"Stay, you imperfect speakers"				
	"instruments of darkness"				
	"let not light see my black and deep desires"				
	"milk of human kindness" "Take my milk for gall"				
38	"look like the innocent flower but be the serpent under't"				
	"vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself and falls"				
	"when you durst do it, then you were a man" "Are you a man?"				

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Quot	ation	Said By	About	Moment	Methods
	"Give me the daggers"				
₹	"Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hands?"				
	"Oh horror, horror, Horror"				
	"There's daggers in men's smiles"				
- 555 - 555	"fruitless crown" "barren sceptre"				
	"hell" "devil" "black" "tyrant" "Turn hell- hound, turn"				
	"All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand"				
	"What's done is done" "What's done cannot be undone"				
Car Jest	"dead butcher and his fiend- like queen"				





ACT 1

A MURDER IS PLANNED



SCENE I. A DESERT PLACE.

Thunder and lightning. Enter three Witches

First Witch

When shall we three meet again In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

Second Witch

When the hurlyburly's done, When the battle's lost and won.

Third Witch

5 That will be ere the set of sun.

First Witch

Where the place?

Second Witch

Upon the heath.

Third Witch

There to meet with Macbeth.

First Witch

I come, Graymalkin!

Second Witch

Paddock calls.

Third Witch

Anon.



ALL

Fair is foul, and foul is fair:

Hover through the fog and filthy air.

Exeunt

SCENE II. A CAMP NEAR FORRES.

Alarum within. Enter DUNCAN, MALCOLM, DONALBAIN, LENNOX, with Attendants, meeting a bleeding CAPTAIN

DUNCAN

What bloody man is that? He can report, As seemeth by his plight, of the revolt The newest state.

MALCOLM

This is the CAPTAIN

Who like a good and hardy soldier fought

'Gainst my captivity. Hail, brave friend!

Say to the king the knowledge of the broil

As thou didst leave it.

CAPTAIN

Doubtful it stood;

As two spent swimmers, that do cling together

And choke their art. The merciless Macdonwald--

10 Worthy to be a rebel, for to that

The multiplying villanies of nature

Do swarm upon him--from the western isles

Of kerns and gallowglasses is supplied;

And fortune, on his damned quarrel smiling,

Show'd like a rebel's whore: but all's too weak: For **brave** Macbeth--well he deserves that name--

Disdaining fortune, with his brandish'd steel,

Which smoked with bloody execution,

Like valour's minion carved out his passage

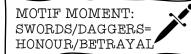
1.1 – The witches prepare to meet Macbeth

COMMENT PAUSE:

What atmosphere is established in this scene?

ANALYSIS PAUSE: "Fair is foul and foul is fair"

1.2 – King Duncan gets a battle report





20 Till he faced the slave;

Which ne'er shook hands, nor bade farewell to him, Till he unseam'd him from the nave to the chaps, And fix'd his head upon our battlements.



DUNCAN

O valiant cousin! worthy gentleman! CAPTAIN

As whence the sun 'gins his reflection Shipwrecking storms and direful thunders break, So from that spring whence comfort seem'd to come Discomfort swells. Mark, king of Scotland, mark: No sooner justice had with valour arm'd

Compell'd these skipping kerns to trust their heels,
But the Norweyan lord surveying vantage,
With furbish'd arms and new supplies of men
Began a fresh assault.

DUNCAN

Dismay'd not this
Our CAPTAINs, Macbeth and Banquo?

CAPTAIN

Yes;

As sparrows eagles, or the hare the lion.

If I say sooth, I must report they were
As cannons overcharged with double cracks, so they
Doubly redoubled strokes upon the foe:
Except they meant to bathe in reeking wounds,

Or memorise another Golgotha, I cannot tell.

But I am faint, my gashes cry for help.

DUNCAN

So well thy words become thee as thy wounds; They smack of honour both. Go get him surgeons. Exit CAPTAIN, attended

45 Who comes here?

Enter ROSS

MALCOLM

The worthy thane of Ross.

LENNOX

What a haste looks through his eyes! So should he look That seems to speak things strange.

ROSS

God save the king!

DUNCAN

Whence camest thou, worthy thane?

ROSS

From Fife, great king;

Where the Norweyan banners flout the sky

And fan our people cold. Norway himself,

With terrible numbers,

Assisted by that most disloyal traitor

The thane of Cawdor, began a dismal conflict;

Till that Bellona's bridegroom, lapp'd in proof,

55 | Confronted him with self-comparisons,

Point against point rebellious, arm 'gainst arm.

Curbing his lavish spirit: and, to conclude,

The victory fell on us.

COMMENT PAUSE:

Give three adjectives to describe Macbeth and how he is seen:

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COMMENT PAUSE:

What impression do we get of Macbeth in this scene **before** we meet him? Why is it important to get it from other characters?

	DUNCAN	ANIALYCIC DALICE
	Great happiness!	ANALYSIS PAUSE:
	ROSS	"brave" "valiant" 🚓
	That now	"worthy" "noble" 🕊
	Sweno, the Norways' king, craves composition:	
60	Nor would we deign him burial of his men	
60	Till he disbursed at Saint Colme's inch	
	Ten thousand dollars to our general use.	
	DUNCAN	
	No more that thane of Cawdor shall deceive	
	Our bosom interest: go pronounce his present death,	
65	And with his former title greet Macbeth.	
	ROSS	
	I'll see it done.	
4	DUNCAN	
N-K	What he hath lost noble Macbeth hath won.	
W	Exeunt	
	SCENE III. A HEATH NEAR FORRES.	1.3 – The witches give
	Thunder. Enter the three Witches	their prophecies
	First Witch	
	Where hast thou been, sister?	
	Second Witch	
	Killing swine.	
	Third Witch	
	Sister, where thou?	
	First Witch	
	A sailor's wife had chestnuts in her lap,	
5	And munch'd, and munch'd, and munch'd:	
	'Give me,' quoth I:	
	'Aroint thee, witch!' the rump-fed ronyon cries.	
	Her husband's to Aleppo gone, master o' the Tiger:	
	But in a sieve I'll thither sail,	
	And, like a rat without a tail,	COMMENT PAUSE:
10	I'll do, I'll do, and I'll do.	Give three adjectives to describe
10	Second Witch	the witches in this scene:
	I'll give thee a wind.	\rightarrow
	First Witch	\rightarrow
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	Thou'rt kind.	7
	Third Witch	
	And I another.	
	First Witch	
	I myself have all the other,	
15	And the very ports they blow,	
	All the quarters that they know	
	I' the shipman's card.	
	I will drain him dry as hay:	
	Sleep shall neither night nor day	
20	Hang upon his pent-house lid;	
	He shall live a man forbid:	
	Weary se'nnights nine times nine	
	Shall he dwindle, peak and pine:	
	Though his bark cannot be lost,	
25	Yet it shall be tempest-tost.	
	Look what I have.	
	Second Witch	
	Show me, show me.	

First Witch

Here I have a pilot's thumb,

Wreck'd as homeward he did come.

Drum within

Third Witch

30 A drum, a drum!

Macbeth doth come.

ALL

The weird sisters, hand in hand,

Posters of the sea and land,

Thus do go about, about:

35 Thrice to thine and thrice to mine

And thrice again, to make up nine.

Peace! the charm's wound up.

Enter MACBETH and BANQUO

MACBETH

So foul and fair a day I have not seen.

BANQUO

How far is't call'd to Forres? What are these

40 | So wither'd and so wild in their attire,

That look not like the inhabitants o' the earth,

And yet are on't? Live you? or are you aught

That man may question? You seem to understand me,

By each at once her chappy finger laying

45 Upon her skinny lips: you should be women,

And yet your beards forbid me to interpret

That you are so.

MACBETH

Speak, if you can: what are you?

First Witch

All hail, Macbeth! hail to thee, thane of Glamis!

Second Witch

All hail, Macbeth, hail to thee, thane of Cawdor!

Third Witch

50 All hail, Macbeth, thou shalt be king hereafter!

BANQUO

Good sir, why do you start; and seem to fear

Things that do sound so fair? I' the name of truth,

Are ye fantastical, or that indeed

Which outwardly ye show? My noble partner

5 You greet with present grace and great prediction

Of noble having and of royal hope,

That he seems rapt withal: to me you speak not.

If you can look into the seeds of time,

And say which grain will grow and which will not,

Speak then to me, who neither beg nor fear

Your favours nor your hate.

First Witch

Hail!

Second Witch

Hail!

Third Witch

Hail!

First Witch

Esser than Macbeth, and greater.

Second Witch

COMMENT PAUSE: Why are Macbeth's first

words interesting?

COMMENT PAUSE:

What do the audience already know in relation to these prophecies and why is this

significant?

Not so happy, yet much happier.

Third Witch

Thou shalt get kings, though thou be none:

So all hail, Macbeth and Banquo!

First Witch

Banquo and Macbeth, all hail!

MACBETH

Stay, you imperfect speakers, tell me more:

By Sinel's death I know I am thane of Glamis; But how of Cawdor? the thane of Cawdor lives, A prosperous gentleman; and to be king

Stands not within the prospect of belief,

No more than to be Cawdor. Say from whence You owe this strange intelligence? or why Upon this blasted heath you stop our way With such prophetic greeting? Speak, I charge you. Witches vanish

BANQUO

The earth hath bubbles, as the water has, 80 And these are of them. Whither are they vanish'd?

MACBETH

Into the air; and what seem'd corporal melted As breath into the wind. Would they had stay'd!

BANQUO

Were such things here as we do speak about? Or have we eaten on the insane root That takes the reason prisoner?

MACBETH

Your children shall be kings.

BANQUO

You shall be king.

MACBETH

And thane of Cawdor too: went it not so?

BANQUO

To the selfsame tune and words. Who's here? **Enter ROSS and ANGUS**

ROSS

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The king hath happily received, Macbeth, The news of thy success; and when he reads 90 Thy personal venture in the rebels' fight, His wonders and his praises do contend Which should be thine or his: silenced with that, In viewing o'er the rest o' the selfsame day, He finds thee in the stout Norweyan ranks, Nothing afeard of what thyself didst make, Strange images of death. As thick as hail Came post with post; and every one did bear Thy praises in his kingdom's great defence,

100 And pour'd them down before him.

ANGUS

To give thee from our royal master thanks; Only to herald thee into his sight, Not pay thee.

ROSS

ANALYSIS PAUSE: imperfect speakers'

COMMENT PAUSE:

How do Macbeth and Banquo's reactions to the supernatural vary?

And, for an earnest of a greater honour, 105 He bade me, from him, call thee thane of Cawdor:

In which addition, hail, most worthy thane! For it is thine.

BANQUO

What, can the devil speak true?

MACBETH

The thane of Cawdor lives: why do you dress me In borrow'd robes?

ANGUS

Who was the thane lives yet;

110 But under heavy judgment bears that life Which he deserves to lose. Whether he was combined

With those of Norway, or did line the rebel With hidden help and vantage, or that with both

He labour'd in his country's wreck, I know not;

115 But treasons capital, confess'd and proved,

Have overthrown him.

MACBETH

[Aside] Glamis, and thane of Cawdor!

The greatest is behind. To ROSS and ANGUS Thanks for your pains.

Aside To BANQUO

Do you not hope your children shall be kings,

When those that gave the thane of Cawdor to me

120 Promised no less to them?

BANOUO

Aside to MACBETH That trusted home Might yet enkindle you unto the crown,

Besides the thane of Cawdor. But 'tis strange:

And oftentimes, to win us to our harm,

The instruments of darkness tell us truths, Win us with honest trifles, to betray's

In deepest consequence.

Cousins, a word, I pray you.

MACBETH

[Aside] Two truths are told,

As happy prologues to the swelling act

Of the imperial theme.--I thank you, gentlemen.

130 [Aside] This supernatural soliciting

Cannot be ill, cannot be good: if ill,

Why hath it given me earnest of success,

Commencing in a truth? I am thane of Cawdor:

If good, why do I yield to that suggestion

135 Whose horrid image doth unfix my hair

And make my seated heart knock at my ribs,

Against the use of nature? Present fears

Are less than horrible imaginings:

My thought, whose murder yet is but fantastical,

140 Shakes so my single state of man that function

Is smother'd in surmise, and nothing is

But what is not.

BANQUO

Look, how our partner's rapt.

MACBETH

[Aside] If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me, Without my stir.

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is Macbeth getting this title particularly significant?

ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"instruments of darkness"

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

COMMENT PAUSE: What does Macbeth's

reaction here tell us?

BANQUO New honours come upon him, Like our strange garments, cleave not to their mould But with the aid of use. **MACBETH** [Aside] Come what come may, Time and the hour runs through the roughest day. **BANQUO** Worthy Macbeth, we stay upon your leisure. **MACBETH** Give me your favour: my dull brain was wrought 150 With things forgotten. Kind gentlemen, your pains Are register'd where every day I turn The leaf to read them. Let us toward the king. [Aside to Banquo] Think upon what hath chanced, and, at more time, The interim having weigh'd it, let us speak 155 Our free hearts each to other. **BANQUO** Very gladly. **MACBETH** Till then, enough. Come, friends. Exeunt SCENE IV. Forres. The palace. 1.4 – Duncan thanks Flourish. Enter DUNCAN, MALCOLM, DONALBAIN, LENNOX, and Macbeth and Banquo **Attendants** DUNCAN Is execution done on Cawdor? Are not Those in commission yet return'd? **MALCOLM** My liege, They are not yet come back. But I have spoke With one that saw him die: who did report That very frankly he confess'd his treasons, Implored your highness' pardon and set forth A deep repentance: nothing in his life **COMMENT PAUSE:** Became him like the leaving it; he died Duncan realises that you can't As one that had been studied in his death know what someone is thinking 10 To throw away the dearest thing he owed, by looking at them. How does As 'twere a careless trifle. this continue ideas from the **DUNCAN** last scene? There's no art To find the mind's construction in the face: He was a gentleman on whom I built An absolute trust. Enter MACBETH, BANQUO, ROSS, and ANGUS O worthiest cousin! 15 The sin of my ingratitude even now Was heavy on me: thou art so far before That swiftest wing of recompense is slow

To overtake thee. Would thou hadst less deserved, That the proportion both of thanks and payment

Might have been mine! only I have left to say, More is thy due than more than all can pay.

In doing it, pays itself. Your highness' part

The service and the loyalty I owe,

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MACBETH

Is to receive our duties; and our duties

Are to your throne and state children and servants, Which do but what they should, by doing every thing Safe toward your love and honour.

DUNCAN

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Welcome hither:

I have begun to plant thee, and will labour To make thee full of growing. Noble Banquo, That hast no less deserved, nor must be known No less to have done so, let me enfold thee And hold thee to my heart.

BANQUO

There if I grow,

The harvest is your own.

DUNCAN

My plenteous joys,

Wanton in fulness, seek to hide themselves In drops of sorrow. Sons, kinsmen, thanes, And you whose places are the nearest, know We will establish our estate upon Our eldest, Malcolm, whom we name hereafter The Prince of Cumberland; which honour must Not unaccompanied invest him only, But signs of nobleness, like stars, shall shine On all deservers. From hence to Inverness,

And bind us further to you.

MACBETH

The rest is labour, which is not used for you: I'll be myself the harbinger and make joyful The hearing of my wife with your approach; So humbly take my leave.

DUNCAN

My worthy Cawdor!

MACBETH

[Aside] The Prince of Cumberland! that is a step On which I must fall down, or else o'erleap, For in my way it lies. Stars, hide your fires;



Let not light see my black and deep desires:

The eye wink at the hand; yet let that be, Which the eye fears, when it is done, to see. Exit

DUNCAN

True, worthy Banquo; he is full so valiant, And in his commendations I am fed; It is a banquet to me. Let's after him, Whose care is gone before to bid us welcome: It is a peerless kinsman. Flourish. Exeunt

SCENE V. INVERNESS. MACBETH'S CASTLE.

Enter LADY MACBETH, reading a letter

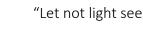
LADY MACBETH

[Reads] 'They met me in the day of success: and I have learned by the perfectest report, they have more in them than mortal knowledge. When I burned in desire to question them further, they made themselves air, into which they vanished. Whiles I stood rapt in

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why might Macbeth be shocked to see Malcolm crowned heir to the throne?

ANALYSIS PAUSE:



my black and deep desires"

MOTIF MOMENT LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL



1.5 – Lady Macbeth reacts to the prophecies the wonder of it, came missives from the king, who all-hailed me 'Thane of Cawdor;' by which title, before, these weird sisters saluted me, and referred me to the coming on of time, with 'Hail, king that shalt be!' This have I thought good to deliver thee, my dearest partner of greatness, that thou mightst not lose the dues of rejoicing, by being ignorant of what greatness is promised thee. Lay it to thy heart, and farewell.'

COMMENT PAUSE: What impression do we get of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth's relationship?

15 | Glamis thou art, and Cawdor; and shalt be

What thou art promised: yet do I fear thy nature; It is too **full o' the milk of human kindness**

To catch the nearest way: thou wouldst be great;

Art not without ambition, but without

The illness should attend it: what thou wouldst highly,
That wouldst thou holily; wouldst not play false,
And yet wouldst wrongly win: thou'ldst have, great Glamis,
That which cries 'Thus thou must do, if thou have it;
And that which rather thou dost fear to do

Than wishest should be undone.' Hie thee hither,
That I may pour my spirits in thine ear;
And chastise with the valour of my tongue
All that impedes thee from the golden round,
Which fate and metaphysical aid doth seem

To have thee crown'd withal.

Enter a Messenger

What is your tidings?

Messenger

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The king comes here to-night.

LADY MACBETH

Thou'rt mad to say it:

Is not thy master with him? who, were't so, Would have inform'd for preparation.

Messenger

So please you, it is true: our thane is coming: One of my fellows had the speed of him, Who, almost dead for breath, had scarcely more Than would make up his message.

LADY MACBETH

Give him tending;

He brings great news. Exit Messenger

The raven himself is hoarse

That croaks the fatal entrance of Duncan Under my battlements. 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! make thick my blood;

Stop up the access and passage to remorse, That no compunctious visitings of nature

Shake my fell purpose, nor keep peace between The effect and it! Come to my woman's breasts,

And take my milk for gall, you murdering ministers,

Wherever in your sightless substances

You wait on nature's mischief! <u>Come, thick night</u>, And pall thee in the dunnest smoke of hell, ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"full of the milk of human kindness"

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

ANALYSIS PAUSE: "take my milk for gall"



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That my keen knife see not the wound it makes, Nor heaven peep through the <u>blanket of the dark</u>, To cry 'Hold, hold!'

Enter MACBETH

Great Glamis! worthy Cawdor!

Greater than both, by the all-hail hereafter!
Thy letters have transported me beyond
This ignorant present, and I feel now
The future in the instant.

MACBETH

My dearest love,

Duncan comes here to-night.

LADY MACBETH

And when goes hence?

MACBETH

60 To-morrow, as he purposes.

LADY MACBETH

O, never

Shall sun that morrow see!

Your face, my thane, is as a book where men

May read strange matters. To beguile the time,

Look like the time; bear welcome in your eye,

Your hand, your tongue: look like the innocent flower,

But be the serpent under't. He that's coming

Must be provided for: and you shall put This night's great business into my dispatch;

NA/leight 3 great business into my dispatch,

Which shall to all our nights and days to come

O Give solely sovereign sway and masterdom.

MACBETH

We will speak further.

LADY MACBETH

Only look up clear;

To alter favour ever is to fear:

Leave all the rest to me.

Exeunt

SCENE VI. Before Macbeth's castle.

Hautboys and torches. Enter DUNCAN, MALCOLM, DONALBAIN, BANQUO, LENNOX, MACDUFF, ROSS, ANGUS, and Attendants

DUNCAN

This castle hath a pleasant seat; the air Nimbly and sweetly recommends itself

Unto our gentle senses.

BANQUO

This guest of summer,

The temple-haunting martlet, does approve,

By his loved mansionry, that the heaven's breath

Smells wooingly here: no jutty, frieze,

Buttress, nor coign of vantage, but this bird

Hath made his pendent bed and procreant cradle:

Where they most breed and haunt, I have observed,

10 The air is delicate.

Enter LADY MACBETH

DUNCAN

See, see, our honour'd hostess!

The love that follows us sometime is our trouble,

Which still we thank as love. Herein I teach you

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"Look like the innocent flower

but be the serpent under't"

1.6 – Duncan arrives at the Macbeths' castle

COMMENT PAUSE:

How does Shakespeare create dramatic irony in this scene?

How you shall bid God 'ild us for your pains, And thank us for your trouble.

LADY MACBETH

All our service

In every point twice done and then done double
 Were poor and single business to contend
 Against those honours deep and broad wherewith
 Your majesty loads our house: for those of old,
 And the late dignities heap'd up to them,
 We rest your hermits.

DUNCAN

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Where's the thane of Cawdor? We coursed him at the heels, and had a purpose To be his purveyor: but he rides well; And his great love, sharp as his spur, hath holp him To his home before us. Fair and noble hostess, We are your guest to-night.

LADY MACBETH

Your servants ever Have theirs, themselves and what is theirs, in compt, To make their audit at your highness' pleasure, Still to return your own.

DUNCAN

Give me your hand;

Conduct me to mine host: we love him highly, And shall continue our graces towards him. By your leave, hostess.

Exeunt

SCENE VII. Macbeth's castle.

Hautboys and torches. Enter a Sewer, and divers Servants with dishes and service, and pass over the stage. Then enter MACBETH

MACBETH

It were done quickly: if the assassination
Could trammel up the consequence, and catch
With his surcease success; that but this blow
Might be the be-all and the end-all here,
But here, upon this bank and shoal of time,
We'ld jump the life to come. But in these cases
We still have judgment here; that we but teach
Bloody instructions, which, being taught, return
To plague the inventor: this even-handed justice
Commends the ingredients of our poison'd chalic

If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well

Commends the ingredients of our poison'd chalice To our own lips. 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. Besides, this Duncan Hath borne his faculties so meek, hath been So clear in his great office, that his virtues Will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued, against

The deep damnation of his taking-off;
And pity, like a naked new-born babe,
Striding the blast, or heaven's cherubim, horsed
Upon the sightless couriers of the air,
Shall blow the horrid deed in every eye,

1.7 – Macbeth has second thoughts but Lady Macbeth convinces him

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



That tears shall drown the wind. I have no spur To prick the sides of my intent, but only Vaulting ambition, which o'erleaps itself And falls on the other.

Enter LADY MACBETH

How now! what news?

LADY MACBETH

He has almost supp'd: why have you left the chamber?

MACBETH

30 | Hath he ask'd for me?

LADY MACBETH

Know you not he has?

MACBETH

We will proceed no further in this business: He hath honour'd me of late; and I have bought Golden opinions from all sorts of people, Which would be worn now in their newest gloss, Not cast aside so soon.

LADY MACBETH

Was the hope drunk
Wherein you dress'd yourself? hath it slept since?
And wakes it now, to look so green and pale
At what it did so freely? From this time
Such I account thy love. Art thou afeard
To be the same in thine own act and valour
As thou art in desire? Wouldst thou have that
Which thou esteem'st the ornament of life,
And live a coward in thine own esteem,
Letting 'I dare not' wait upon 'I would,'
Like the poor cat i' the adage?

MACBETH

Prithee, peace:

I dare do all that may become a man; Who dares do more is none.

LADY MACBETH

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What beast was't, then, That made you break this enterprise to me?

When you durst do it, then you were a man;

And, to be more than what you were, you would Be so much more the man. Nor time nor place Did then adhere, and yet you would make both: They have made themselves, and that their fitness now Does unmake you. I have given suck, and know How tender 'tis to love the babe that milks me: I would, while it was smiling in my face, Have pluck'd my nipple from his boneless gums, And dash'd the brains out, had I so sworn as you

MACBETH

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If we should fail?

LADY MACBETH

Have done to this.

We fail!

But screw your courage to the sticking-place, And we'll not fail. When Duncan is asleep--Whereto the rather shall his day's hard journey Soundly invite him--his two chamberlains

ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself and falls"

COMMENT PAUSE: Give three adjectives to

describe Lady Macbeth's behaviour in this scene:

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ANALYSIS PAUSE:



"When you durst do it, then you were a man" Will I with wine and wassail so convince
That memory, the warder of the brain,
Shall be a fume, and the receipt of reason
A limbeck only: when in swinish sleep
Their drenched natures lie as in a death,
What cannot you and I perform upon
The unguarded Duncan? what not put upon
His spongy officers, who shall bear the guilt

MACBETH

Of our great quell?

Bring forth men-children only; For thy undaunted mettle should compose Nothing but males. Will it not be received,

When we have mark'd with blood those sleepy two
Of his own chamber and used their very daggers,
That they have done't?

LADY MACBETH

Upon his death?

Who dares receive it other, As we shall make our griefs and clamour roar

MACBETH

I am settled, and bend up

Each corporal agent to this terrible feat.

Away, and mock the time with fairest show:

False face must hide what the false heart doth know.

Exeunt

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT





ACT 2

REGICIDE IS COMMITED



SCENE I. COURT OF MACBETH'S CASTLE.

Enter BANQUO, and FLEANCE bearing a torch before him

BANQUO

How goes the night, boy?

FLEANCE

The moon is down; I have not heard the clock.

BANQUO

And she goes down at twelve.

FLEANCE

I take't, 'tis later, sir.

BANQUO

<u>Hold, take my sword.</u> There's husbandry in heaven;

Their candles are all out. Take thee that too.

A heavy summons lies like lead upon me,

And yet I would not sleep: merciful powers,

Restrain in me the cursed thoughts that nature

Gives way to in repose!

Enter MACBETH, and a Servant with a torch

Give me my sword.

10 Who's there?

MACBETH

A friend.

BANQUO

What, sir, not yet at rest? The king's a-bed:

He hath been in unusual pleasure, and

2.1-Macbeth imagines a dagger leading to Duncan

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL Sent forth great largess to your offices.

This diamond he greets your wife withal,
By the name of most kind hostess; and shut up
In measureless content.

MACBETH

Being unprepared,

Our will became the servant to defect; Which else should free have wrought.

BANQUO

All's well.

20 I dreamt last night of the three weird sisters: To you they have show'd some truth.

MACBETH

I think not of them:

Yet, when we can entreat an hour to serve, We would spend it in some words upon that business, If you would grant the time.

BANQUO

At your kind'st leisure.

MACBETH

25 If you shall cleave to my consent, when 'tis, It shall make honour for you.

BANQUO

So I lose none

In seeking to augment it, but still keep My bosom franchised and allegiance clear, I shall be counsell'd.

MACBETH

Good repose the while!

BANQUO

Thanks, sir: the like to you!

Exeunt BANQUO and FLEANCE

MACBETH

Go bid thy mistress, when my drink is ready, She strike upon the bell. Get thee to bed. Exit Servant

Is this a dagger which I see before me,

The handle toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee.

I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.

Art thou not, fatal vision, sensible

To feeling as to sight? or art thou but

A dagger of the mind, a false creation,

Proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?

40 | I see thee yet, in form as palpable

As this which now I draw.

Thou marshall'st me the way that I was going;

And such an instrument I was to use.

Mine eyes are made the fools o' the other senses,

45 Or else worth all the rest; I see thee still,

And on thy blade and dudgeon gouts of blood,

Which was not so before. There's no such thing:

It is the bloody business which informs

Thus to mine eyes. Now o'er the one halfworld

Nature seems dead, and wicked dreams abuse

The curtain'd sleep; witchcraft celebrates

Pale Hecate's offerings, and wither'd murder,

COMMENT PAUSE:

If swords represent honour and daggers represent betrayal, why might Macbeth be imagining a dagger at this point?

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



Alarum'd by his sentinel, the wolf, **COMMENT PAUSE:** Whose howl's his watch, thus with his stealthy pace. Give three adjectives to describe With Tarquin's ravishing strides, towards his design 55 Macbeth's thoughts and feelings Moves like a ghost. Thou sure and firm-set earth, during his soliloquy: Hear not my steps, which way they walk, for fear \rightarrow Thy very stones prate of my whereabout, \rightarrow And take the present horror from the time, \rightarrow Which now suits with it. Whiles I threat, he lives: Words to the heat of deeds too cold breath gives. A bell rings I go, and it is done; the bell invites me. Hear it not, Duncan; for it is a knell That summons thee to heaven or to hell. Exit SCENE II. The same. 2.2 - Macbeth commits Enter LADY MACBETH the murder of Duncan LADY MACBETH That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold; What hath quench'd them hath given me fire. Hark! Peace! It was the owl that shriek'd, the fatal bellman, Which gives the stern'st good-night. He is about it: The doors are open; and the surfeited grooms Do mock their charge with snores: I have drugg'd their possets, That death and nature do contend about them, Whether they live or die. MACBETH [Within] Who's there? what, ho! LADY MACBETH Alack, I am afraid they have awaked, And 'tis not done. The attempt and not the deed 10 Confounds us. Hark! I laid their daggers ready; He could not miss 'em. Had he not resembled My father as he slept, I had done't. Enter MACBETH My husband! **MACBETH** I have done the deed. Didst thou not hear a noise? LADY MACBETH I heard the owl scream and the crickets cry. 15 Did not you speak? MACBETH When? LADY MACBETH Now. **MACBETH** As I descended? LADY MACBETH A٧. MACBETH Hark! Who lies i' the second chamber? LADY MACBETH Donalbain. **MACBETH** 20 This is a sorry sight. Looking on his hands

LADY MACBETH

A foolish thought, to say a sorry sight.

MACBETH

There's one did laugh in's sleep, and one cried 'Murder!' That they did wake each other: I stood and heard them: But they did say their prayers, and address'd them Again to sleep.

LADY MACBETH

There are two lodged together.

MACBETH

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One cried 'God bless us!' and 'Amen' the other; As they had seen me with these hangman's hands. Listening their fear, I could not say 'Amen,' When they did say 'God bless us!'

LADY MACBETH

Consider it not so deeply. 30

MACBETH

But wherefore could not I pronounce 'Amen'? I had most need of blessing, and 'Amen' Stuck in my throat.

LADY MACBETH

These deeds must not be thought After these ways; so, it will make us mad.

MACBETH

35 Methought I heard a voice cry 'Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep', the innocent sleep, Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care, The death of each day's life, sore labour's bath, Balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course, 40 Chief nourisher in life's feast.--

LADY MACBETH

What do you mean?

MACBETH

Still it cried 'Sleep no more!' to all the house: 'Glamis hath murder'd sleep, and therefore Cawdor Shall sleep no more; Macbeth shall sleep no more.'

LADY MACBETH

Who was it that thus cried? Why, worthy thane, You do unbend your noble strength, to think So brainsickly of things. Go get some water, And wash this filthy witness from your hand. Why did you bring these daggers from the place? They must lie there: go carry them; and smear 50 The sleepy grooms with blood.

MACBETH

I'll go no more:

I am afraid to think what I have done; Look on't again I dare not.

LADY MACBETH

Infirm of purpose!

Give me the daggers: the sleeping and the dead Are but as pictures: 'tis the eye of childhood That fears a painted devil. If he do bleed, I'll gild the faces of the grooms withal; For it must seem their guilt. Exit. Knocking within

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is Macbeth concerned about his inability to pray? What does this link to?

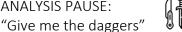
COMMENT PAUSE:

Give three feelings Macbeth has following the murder:

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

ANALYSIS PAUSE:





MACBETH



Whence is that knocking? How is't with me, when every noise appals me?

What hands are here? ha! they pluck out mine eyes.

Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood Clean from my hand? No, this my hand will rather

The multitudinous seas in incarnadine,

Making the green one red.

Re-enter LADY MACBETH

LADY MACBETH

My hands are of your colour; but I shame

65 To wear a heart so white. [Knocking within] I hear a knocking

At the south entry: retire we to our chamber;

A little water clears us of this deed:

How easy is it, then! Your constancy

Hath left you unattended. [Knocking] Hark! more knocking.

Get on your nightgown, lest occasion call us,

And show us to be watchers. Be not lost

So poorly in your thoughts.

MACBETH

To know my deed, 'twere best not know myself. Knocking within

Wake Duncan with thy knocking! I would thou couldst! *Exeunt*

SCENE III. The same.

Knocking within. Enter a Porter

Porter

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Here's a knocking indeed! If a man were porter of hell-gate, he should have old turning the key. *Knocking* Knock, knock, knock! Who's there, i' the name of Beelzebub? Here's a farmer, that hanged himself on the expectation of plenty: come in time; have napkins enow about you; here you'll sweat for't. *Knocking within* Knock, knock! Who's there, in the other devil's name? Faith, here's an equivocator, that could swear in both the scales against either scale; who committed treason enough for God's sake, yet could not equivocate to heaven: O, come in, equivocator. *Knocking* Knock, knock! Who's there? Faith, here's an English tailor come hither, for stealing out of a French hose: come in, tailor; here you may roast your goose. *Knocking* Knock, knock; never at quiet! What are you?

Knocking Knock, knock; never at quiet! What are you?
But this place is too cold for hell. I'll devil-porter it no further: I had thought to have let in some of all professions that go the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire. Knocking Anon, anon! [Opens gate] I pray you, remember the porter.

Enter MACDUFF and LENNOX

MACDUFF

Was it so late, friend, ere you went to bed, That you do lie so late?

Porter

'Faith sir, we were carousing till the second cock: and drink, sir, is a great provoker of three things.

MACDUFF

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?"

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

2.3- Duncan's murder is discovered by Macduff

25 What three things does drink especially provoke?

Porter

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Marry, sir, nose-painting, sleep, and urine. Lechery, sir, it provokes, and unprovokes; it provokes the desire, but it takes away the performance: therefore, much drink may be said to be an equivocator with lechery: it makes him, and it mars him; it sets him on, and it takes him off; it persuades him, and disheartens him; makes him stand to, and not

stand to; in conclusion, equivocates him in a sleep, and,

35 giving him the lie, leaves him.

MACDUFF

I believe drink gave thee the lie last night.

Porter

That it did, sir, i' the very throat on me: but I requited him for his lie; and, I think, being too strong for him, though he took up my legs sometime, yet I made a shift to cast him.

MACDUFF

Is thy master stirring?

Enter MACBETH

Our knocking has awaked him; here he comes.

LENNOX

Good morrow, noble sir.

MACBETH

Good morrow, both.

MACDUFF

Is the king stirring, worthy thane?

MACBETH

Not yet.

MACDUFF

45 He did command me to call timely on him:

I have almost slipp'd the hour.

MACBETH

I'll bring you to him.

MACDUFF

I know this is a joyful trouble to you;

But yet 'tis one.

MACBETH

The labour we delight in physics pain.

50 This is the door.

MACDUFF

I'll make so bold to call,

For 'tis my limited service.

Exit

LENNOX

Goes the king hence to-day?

MACBETH

He does: he did appoint so.

LENNOX

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The night has been unruly: where we lay,

Our chimneys were blown down; and, as they say,

Lamentings heard i' the air; strange screams of death,

And prophesying with accents terrible
Of dire combustion and confused events

New hatch'd to the woeful time: the obscure bird

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why might Shakespeare emphasise nature's reaction the night of Duncan's murder?

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Clamour'd the livelong night: some say, the earth

Was feverous and did shake.

MACBETH

'Twas a rough night.

LENNOX

My young remembrance cannot parallel A fellow to it.

Re-enter MACDUFF

MACDUFF

O horror, horror! Tongue nor heart

Cannot conceive nor name thee!

MACBETH AND LENNOX

What's the matter?

MACDUFF

65 Confusion now hath made his masterpiece! Most <u>sacrilegious</u> murder hath broke ope

The Lord's anointed temple, and stole thence The life o' the building!

MACBETH

What is 't you say? the life?

LENNOX

Mean you his majesty?

MACDUFF

Approach the chamber, and destroy your sight With a new Gorgon: do not bid me speak; See, and then speak yourselves.

Exeunt MACBETH and LENNOX

Awake, awake!

Ring the alarum-bell. Murder and treason! Banquo and Donalbain! Malcolm! awake!

75 | Shake off this downy sleep, death's counterfeit, And look on death itself! up, up, and see The great doom's image! Malcolm! Banquo! As from your graves rise up, and walk like sprites,

To countenance this horror! Ring the bell.

Bell rings. Enter LADY MACBETH

LADY MACBETH

80 What's the business,

> That such a hideous trumpet calls to parley The sleepers of the house? speak, speak!

MACDUFF

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O gentle lady,

'Tis not for you to hear what I can speak:

The repetition, in a woman's ear,

Would murder as it fell. Enter BANQUO

O Banquo, Banquo,

Our royal master 's murder'd!

LADY MACBETH

Woe, alas!

What, in our house?

BANQUO

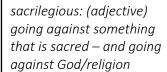
Too cruel any where.

Dear Duff, I prithee, contradict thyself,

And say it is not so.

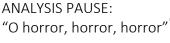
Re-enter MACBETH and LENNOX, with ROSS

MACBETH



COMMENT PAUSE:

How does this link to Macbeth's behaviour following the murder?



Had I but died an hour before this chance,

I had lived a blessed time; for, from this instant,

There 's nothing serious in mortality:

All is but toys: renown and grace is dead;

The wine of life is drawn, and the mere lees

95 Is left this vault to brag of.

Enter MALCOLM and DONALBAIN

DONALBAIN

What is amiss?

MACBETH

You are, and do not know't:

The spring, the head, the fountain of your blood Is stopp'd; the very source of it is stopp'd.

MACDUFF

Your royal father 's murder'd.

MALCOLM

O, by whom?

LENNOX

100 Those of his chamber, as it seem'd, had done 't: Their hands and faces were an badged with blood; So were their daggers, which unwiped we found Upon their pillows:

They stared, and were distracted; no man's life

105 Was to be trusted with them.

MACBETH

O, yet I do repent me of my fury, That I did kill them.

MACDUFF

Wherefore did you so?

MACBETH

Who can be wise, amazed, temperate and furious, Loyal and neutral, in a moment? No man:

110 The expedition my violent love

> Outrun the pauser, reason. Here lay Duncan, His silver skin laced with his golden blood;

And his gash'd stabs look'd like a breach in nature For ruin's wasteful entrance: there, the murderers, Steep'd in the colours of their trade, their daggers

Unmannerly breech'd with gore: who could refrain,

That had a heart to love, and in that heart

Courage to make 's love kno wn?

LADY MACBETH

Help me hence, ho!

MACDUFF

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Look to the lady.

MALCOLM

[Aside to DONALBAIN] Why do we hold our tongues,

120 That most may claim this argument for ours?

DONALBAIN

[Aside to MALCOLM] What should be spoken here, where our fate, Hid in an auger-hole, may rush, and seize us? Let 's away;

Our tears are not yet brew'd.

MALCOLM

[Aside to DONALBAIN] Nor our strong sorrow

125 Upon the foot of motion.

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why do you think Macbeth killed Duncan's guards?

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

Macbeth mentions his "violent love" for Duncan. Why is this an interesting description?

BANQUO

Look to the lady:

LADY MACBETH is carried out

And when we have our naked frailties hid, That suffer in exposure, let us meet,

And question this most bloody piece of work,

To know it further. Fears and scruples shake us: In the great hand of God I stand; and thence

Against the undivulged pretence I fight

Of treasonous malice.

MACDUFF

And so do I.

ALL

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So all.

MACBETH

Let's briefly put on manly readiness, And meet i' the hall together.

ALL

Well contented.

Exeunt all but Malcolm and Donalbain.

MALCOLM

135 What will you do? Let's not consort with them:

To show an unfelt sorrow is an office

Which the false man does easy. I'll to England.

DONALBAIN

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To Ireland, I; our separated fortune

Shall keep us both the safer: where we are,

There's daggers in men's smiles: the near in blood,

The nearer bloody.

MALCOLM

This murderous shaft that's shot

Hath not yet lighted, and our safest way

Is to avoid the aim. Therefore, to horse;

And let us not be dainty of leave-taking,

But shift away: there's warrant in that theft Which steals itself, when there's no mercy left.

Exeunt

SCENE IV. Outside Macbeth's castle.

Enter ROSS and an old Man

Old Man

Threescore and ten I can remember well:

Within the volume of which time I have seen

Hours dreadful and things strange; but this sore night Hath trifled former knowings.

ROSS

Ah, good father,

Thou seest, the heavens, as troubled with man's act,

Threaten his bloody stage: by the clock, 'tis day,

And yet dark night strangles the travelling lamp:

Is't night's predominance, or the day's shame,

That darkness does the face of earth entomb,

When living light should kiss it?

Old Man

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'Tis unnatural,

Even like the deed that's done. On Tuesday last,

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"daggers in men's smiles"

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



2.4 – The events of the evening are discussed

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL



A falcon, towering in her pride of place,

Was by a mousing owl hawk'd at and kill'd.

ROSS

And Duncan's horses--a thing most strange and certain--

Beauteous and swift, the minions of their race,

Turn'd wild in nature, broke their stalls, flung out, Contending 'gainst obedience, as they would make

War with mankind.

Old Man

'Tis said they eat each other.

ROSS

They did so, to the amazement of mine eyes

That look'd upon't. Here comes the good Macduff.

Enter MACDUFF

How goes the world, sir, now?

MACDUFF

Why, see you not?

ROSS

Is't known who did this more than bloody deed?

MACDUFF

Those that Macbeth hath slain.

ROSS

Alas, the day!

What good could they pretend?

MACDUFF

They were suborn'd:

Malcolm and Donalbain, the king's two sons,
Are stol'n away and fled; which puts upon them

Suspicion of the deed.

ROSS

'Gainst nature still!

Thriftless ambition, that wilt ravin up

Thine own life's means! Then 'tis most like

30 The sovereignty will fall upon Macbeth.

MACDUFF

He is already named, and gone to Scone To be invested.

ROSS

Where is Duncan's body?

MACDUFF

Carried to Colmekill,

The sacred storehouse of his predecessors,

35 And guardian of their bones.

ROSS

Will you to Scone?

MACDUFF

No, cousin, I'll to Fife.

ROSS

Well, I will thither.

MACDUFF

Well, may you see things well done there: adieu! Lest our old robes sit easier than our new!

ROSS

Farewell, father.

Old Man

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COMMENT PAUSE:

Why might Shakespeare return to nature's strange reactions?

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



COMMENT PAUSE:

We learn that Macbeth is going to be crowned. Why might Shakespeare choose not to show this on stage? God's benison go with you; and with those That would make good of bad, and friends of foes! Exeunt



ACT 3



POWER IS NEVER ENOUGH

SCENE I. Forres. The palace.

Enter BANQUO

BANQUO

Thou hast it now: king, Cawdor, Glamis, all, As the weird women promised, and, I fear, Thou play'dst most foully for't: yet it was said It should not stand in thy posterity,

But that myself should be the root and father Of many kings. If there come truth from them-As upon thee, Macbeth, their speeches shine-Why, by the verities on thee made good, May they not be my oracles as well,

10 And set me up in hope? But hush! no more.

Sennet sounded. Enter MACBETH, as king, LADY MACBETH, as queen,
LENNOX, ROSS, Lords, Ladies, and Attendants

MACBETH

Here's our chief guest.

LADY MACBETH

If he had been forgotten,

It had been as a gap in our great feast, And all-thing unbecoming.

MACBETH

To-night we hold a solemn supper sir, And I'll request your presence.

BANQUO

Let your highness

Command upon me; to the which my duties Are with a most indissoluble tie

For ever knit.

MACBETH

Ride you this afternoon?

BANQUO

Ay, my good lord.

MACBETH

We should have else desired your good advice, Which still hath been both grave and prosperous, In this day's council; but we'll take to-morrow. Is't far you ride?

BANQUO

As far, my lord, as will fill up the time

'Twixt this and supper: go not my horse the better, I must become a borrower of the night For a dark hour or twain.

MACBETH

Fail not our feast.

BANQUO

My lord, I will not.

MACBETH

3.1 – Banquo is suspicious.
A murder is arranged.

COMMENT PAUSE:

Give three words to describe Banquo's feelings towards Macbeth:

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COMMENT PAUSE:

How and why has the power dynamic between Macbeth and Banquo changed since act 1, scene 3?

We hear, our bloody cousins are bestow'd MOTIF MOMENT: In England and in Ireland, not confessing BLOOD= Their cruel parricide, filling their hearers GUILT With strange invention: but of that to-morrow, When therewithal we shall have cause of state **COMMENT PAUSE:** Craving us jointly. Hie you to horse: adieu, Why is it important to Macbeth Till you return at night. Goes Fleance with you? to know where Fleance is? **BANQUO** Ay, my good lord: our time does call upon 's. MACBETH I wish your horses swift and sure of foot; And so I do commend you to their backs. Farewell. 40 Exit BANQUO Let every man be master of his time Till seven at night: to make society The sweeter welcome, we will keep ourself Till supper-time alone: while then, God be with you! Exeunt all but MACBETH, and an attendant 45 Sirrah, a word with you: attend those men Our pleasure? **ATTENDANT** They are, my lord, without the palace gate. MACBETH **ANALYSIS PAUSE:** Bring them before us. Exit Attendant "fruitless crown" To be thus is nothing; But to be safely thus.--Our fears in Banquo Stick deep; and in his royalty of nature Reigns that which would be fear'd: 'tis much he dares; And, to that dauntless temper of his mind, He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valour To act in safety. There is none but he Whose being I do fear: and, under him, My Genius is rebuked; as, it is said, Mark Antony's was by Caesar. He chid the sisters When first they put the name of king upon me, And bade them speak to him: then prophet-like **ANALYSIS PAUSE:** They hail'd him father to a line of kings: Upon my head they placed a fruitless crown, "barren sceptre" And put a barren sceptre in my gripe, Thence to be wrench'd with an unlineal hand, No son of mine succeeding. If 't be so, 65 For Banquo's issue have I filed my mind; For them the gracious Duncan have I murder'd; Put rancours in the vessel of my peace Only for them; and mine eternal jewel Given to the common enemy of man, To make them kings, the seed of Banquo kings! Rather than so, come fate into the list. And champion me to the utterance! Who's there! **COMMENT PAUSE:** Re-enter Attendant, with two Murderers Give three words to describe Now go to the door, and stay there till we call. Macbeth's feelings towards Exit Attendant Banquo: Was it not yesterday we spoke together? \rightarrow First Murderer \rightarrow It was, so please your highness. MACBETH

75 Well then, now Have you consider'd of my speeches? Know That it was he in the times past which held you So under fortune, which you thought had been Our innocent self: this I made good to you 80 In our last conference, pass'd in probation with you, How you were borne in hand, how cross'd, the instruments, Who wrought with them, and all things else that might To half a soul and to a notion crazed Say 'Thus did Banquo.' First Murderer You made it known to us. **MACBETH** 85 I did so, and went further, which is now Our point of second meeting. Do you find Your patience so predominant in your nature That you can let this go? Are you so gospell'd To pray for this good man and for his issue, 90 Whose heavy hand hath bow'd you to the grave And beggar'd yours for ever? First Murderer We are men, my liege. **MACBETH** Ay, in the catalogue ye go for men; As hounds and greyhounds, mongrels, spaniels, curs, Shoughs, water-rugs and demi-wolves, are clept All by the name of dogs: the valued file Distinguishes the swift, the slow, the subtle, The housekeeper, the hunter, every one According to the gift which bounteous nature Hath in him closed; whereby he does receive 100 Particular addition. from the bill That writes them all alike: and so of men. Now, if you have a station in the file, Not i' the worst rank of manhood, say 't; And I will put that business in your bosoms, 105 Whose execution takes your enemy off, Grapples you to the heart and love of us, Who wear our health but sickly in his life, Which in his death were perfect. Second Murderer I am one, my liege, Whom the vile blows and buffets of the world 110 Have so incensed that I am reckless what I do to spite the world. First Murderer And I another So weary with disasters, tugg'd with fortune, That I would set my lie on any chance, To mend it, or be rid on't. MACBETH Both of you Know Banquo was your enemy. **Both Murderers** True, my lord. 115 MACBETH

So is he mine; and in such bloody distance, That every minute of his being thrusts Against my near'st of life: and though I could With barefaced power sweep him from my sight 120 And bid my will avouch it, yet I must not, For certain friends that are both his and mine, Whose loves I may not drop, but wail his fall Who I myself struck down; and thence it is, That I to your assistance do make love, 125 Masking the business from the common eye For sundry weighty reasons. Second Murderer We shall, my lord, Perform what you command us. First Murderer Though our lives--**MACBETH** Your spirits shine through you. Within this hour at most I will advise you where to plant yourselves; 130 Acquaint you with the perfect spy o' the time, The moment on't; for't must be done to-night, **COMMENT PAUSE:** And something from the palace; always thought Why does Macbeth want Fleance That I require a clearness: and with him-to be murdered too? To leave no rubs nor botches in the work--135 Fleance his son, that keeps him company, Whose absence is no less material to me Than is his father's, must embrace the fate Of that dark hour. Resolve yourselves apart: I'll come to you anon. **Both Murderers** We are resolved, my lord. **MACBETH** I'll call upon you straight: abide within. 140 **Exeunt Murderers** MOTIF MOMENT: It is concluded. Banquo, thy soul's flight, LIGHT/DARK= If it find heaven, must find it out to-night. GOOD/EVIL SCENE II. The palace. 3.2 – Macbeth does not tell Enter LADY MACBETH and a Servant his wife about his plans LADY MACBETH Is Banquo gone from court? Servant Ay, madam, but returns again to-night. LADY MACBETH Say to the king, I would attend his leisure For a few words. Servant Madam, I will. Exit LADY MACBETH Nought's had, all's spent, 5 Where our desire is got without content: 'Tis safer to be that which we destroy Than by destruction dwell in doubtful joy. Enter MACBETH

How now, my lord! why do you keep alone, ANALYSIS PAUSE: Of sorriest fancies your companions making, "What's done is done Using those thoughts which should indeed have died With them they think on? Things without all remedy Should be without regard: what's done is done. MACBETH We have scotch'd the snake, not kill'd it: She'll close and be herself, whilst our poor malice Remains in danger of her former tooth. But let the frame of things disjoint, both the worlds suffer, Ere we will eat our meal in fear and sleep 20 In the affliction of these terrible dreams That shake us nightly: better be with the dead, Whom we, to gain our peace, have sent to peace, **COMMENT PAUSE:** Than on the torture of the mind to lie What do you notice about In restless ecstasy. Duncan is in his grave; Shakespeare's use of After life's fitful fever he sleeps well; imperative verbs in this scene? Treason has done his worst: nor steel, nor poison, Malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing, Can touch him further. LADY MACBETH Come on; Gentle my lord, sleek o'er your rugged looks; Be bright and jovial among your guests to-night. 30 **MACBETH** So shall I, love; and so, I pray, be you: vizards: (noun) a mask/disguise Let your remembrance apply to Banquo; Present him eminence, both with eye and tongue: **COMMENT PAUSE:** Unsafe the while, that we What are Macbeth's words 35 Must lave our honours in these flattering streams, here an echo of? And make our faces vizards to our hearts, Disguising what they are. LADY MACBETH You must leave this. **MACBETH** O, full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife! ANALYSIS PAUSE: Thou know'st that Banquo, and his Fleance, lives. "Full of scorpions is my mind" LADY MACBETH But in them nature's copy's not eterne. 40 MACBETH There's comfort yet; they are assailable; Then be thou jocund: ere the bat hath flown His cloister'd flight, ere to black Hecate's summons The shard-borne beetle with his drowsy hums Hath rung night's yawning peal, there shall be done A deed of dreadful note. LADY MACBETH 45

What's to be done?

MACBETH

Be innocent of the knowledge, dearest chuck, Till thou applaud the deed. Come, seeling night, Scarf up the tender eye of pitiful day; And with thy bloody and invisible hand Cancel and tear to pieces that great bond Which keeps me pale! Light thickens; and the crow Makes wing to the rooky wood:

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is it interesting that Macbeth does not tell Lady Macbeth about Banquo's murder?

Good things of day begin to droop and drowse; 55

While night's black agents to their preys do rouse.

Thou marvell'st at my words: but hold thee still;

Things bad begun make strong themselves by ill.

So, prithee, go with me.

Exeunt

SCENE III. A park near the palace.

Enter three Murderers

First Murderer

But who did bid thee join with us?

Third Murderer

Macbeth.

Second Murderer

He needs not our mistrust, since he delivers

Our offices and what we have to do

To the direction just.

First Murderer

Then stand with us.

The west yet glimmers with some streaks of day:

Now spurs the lated traveller apace

To gain the timely inn; and near approaches

The subject of our watch.

Third Murderer

Hark! I hear horses.

BANQUO

[Within] Give us a light there, ho!

Second Murderer

Then 'tis he: the rest

10 | That are within the note of expectation

Already are i' the court.

First Murderer

His horses go about.

Third Murderer

Almost a mile: but he does usually,

So all men do, from hence to the palace gate

Make it their walk.

Second Murderer

A light, a light!

Enter BANQUO, and FLEANCE with a torch

Third Murderer

'Tis he.

First Murderer

BANQUO

15

It will be rain to-night.

First Murderer

Let it come down. [They set upon BANQUO]

Stand to't.

BANQUO

O, treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly!

Thou mayst revenge. O slave!

Dies. FLEANCE escapes

Third Murderer

Who did strike out the light?

First Murderer

Was't not the way?

Third Murderer

3.3 – Banquo is murdered, but Fleance escapes

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why might Macbeth choose to send a third murderer?

COMMENT PAUSE:

In the motif, light represents good – how does Shakespeare use light in this scene?

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

20 There's but one down; the son is fled.

Second Murderer

We have lost

Best half of our affair.

First Murderer

Well, let's away, and say how much is done.

Exeunt

SCENE IV. The same. Hall in the palace.

A banquet prepared. Enter MACBETH, LADY MACBETH, ROSS, LENNOX, Lords, and Attendants

MACBETH

You know your own degrees; sit down: at first And last the hearty welcome.

Lords

Thanks to your majesty.

MACBETH

Ourself will mingle with society,

And play the humble host.

5 Our hostess keeps her state, but in best time

We will require her welcome.

LADY MACBETH

Pronounce it for me, sir, to all our friends;

For my heart speaks they are welcome.

First Murderer appears at the door

MACBETH

See, they encounter thee with their hearts' thanks.

10 Both sides are even: here I'll sit i' the midst:

Be large in mirth; anon we'll drink a measure

The table round.

Approaching the door

There's blood on thy face.

First Murderer

'Tis Banquo's then.

MACBETH

15 | 'Tis better thee without than he within.

Is he dispatch'd?

First Murderer

My lord, his throat is cut; that I did for him.

MACBETH

Thou art the best o' the cut-throats: yet he's good

That did the like for Fleance: if thou didst it,

20 | Thou art the nonpareil.

First Murderer

Most royal sir,

Fleance is 'scaped.

MACBETH

[Aside] Then comes my fit again: I had else been perfect,

Whole as the marble, founded as the rock,

As broad and general as the casing air:

25 But now I am cabin'd, cribb'd, confined, bound in

To saucy doubts and fears. But Banquo's safe?

First Murderer

Ay, my good lord: safe in a ditch he bides,

With twenty trenched gashes on his head;

The least a death to nature.

MACBETH

3.4 – A banquet with Banquo's ghost

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why does Fleance's escape bother Macbeth so much?

Thanks for that: 30 There the grown serpent lies; the worm that's fled Hath nature that in time will venom breed, No teeth for the present. Get thee gone: to-morrow We'll hear, ourselves, again. Exit Murderer LADY MACBETH My royal lord, You do not give the cheer: the feast is sold 35 That is not often vouch'd, while 'tis a-making, 'Tis given with welcome: to feed were best at home; From thence the sauce to meat is ceremony; Meeting were bare without it. **MACBETH** Sweet remembrancer! Now, good digestion wait on appetite, And health on both! LENNOX May't please your highness sit. **COMMENT PAUSE:** The GHOST OF BANQUO enters, and sits in MACBETH's place What is Shakespeare's stage **MACBETH** direction telling us here? Here had we now our country's honour roof'd, Were the graced person of our Banquo present; Who may I rather challenge for unkindness Than pity for mischance! ROSS His absence, sir. Lays blame upon his promise. Please't your highness To grace us with your royal company. **MACBETH** The table's full. LENNOX Here is a place reserved, sir.

MACBETH Where? LENNOX

Here, my good lord. What is't that moves your highness?

MACBETH

50 Which of you have done this?

Lords

What, my good lord?

MACBETH

Thou canst not say I did it: never shake

Thy gory locks at me.

ROSS

Gentlemen, rise: his highness is not well.

LADY MACBETH

Sit, worthy friends: my lord is often thus,

And hath been from his youth: pray you, keep seat;

The fit is momentary; upon a thought

He will again be well: if much you note him,

You shall offend him and extend his passion:

Feed, and regard him not. Are you a man?

MACBETH

Ay, and a bold one, that dare look on that

Which might appal the devil.

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is it dangerous for a king

to appear unstable?

ANALYSIS PAUSE: "Are you a man?"



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LADY MACBETH

O proper stuff!

This is the very painting of your fear:

This is the air-drawn dagger which, you said,

Led you to Duncan. O, these flaws and starts,

Impostors to true fear, would well become

65 A woman's story at a winter's fire,

Authorized by her grandam. Shame itself!

Why do you make such faces? When all's done,

You look but on a stool.

MACBETH

Prithee, see there! behold! look! lo! How say you? Why, what care I? If thou canst nod, speak too. If charnel-houses and our graves must send Those that we bury back, our monuments Shall be the maws of kites.

GHOST OF BANQUO vanishes

LADY MACBETH

What, quite unmann'd in folly?

MACBETH

If I stand here, I saw him.

75 LADY MACBETH

Fie, for shame!

MACBETH

Blood hath been shed ere now, i' the olden time, Ere human statute purged the gentle weal; Ay, and since too, murders have been perform'd Too terrible for the ear: the times have been, That, when the brains were out, the man would die, And there an end; but now they rise again, With twenty mortal murders on their crowns, And push us from our stools: this is more strange Than such a murder is.

LADY MACBETH

My worthy lord,

Your noble friends do lack you.

85 MACBETH

80

I do forget.

Do not muse at me, my most worthy friends,
I have a strange infirmity, which is nothing
To those that know me. Come, love and health to all;
Then I'll sit down. Give me some wine; fill full. Enter Ghost
I drink to the general joy o' the whole table,

And to our dear friend Banquo, whom we miss;

Would he were here! to all, and him, we thirst, And all to all.

Lords

Our duties, and the pledge.

MACBETH

Avaunt! and quit my sight! let the earth hide thee! Thy bones are marrowless, thy blood is cold; Thou hast no speculation in those eyes Which thou dost glare with!

LADY MACBETH

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

How is Lady Macbeth feeling towards Macbeth at this point?

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MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

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Think of this, good peers,

But as a thing of custom: 'tis no other;

Only it spoils the pleasure of the time.

100 | MACBETH

What man dare, I dare:

Approach thou like the rugged Russian bear,

The arm'd rhinoceros, or the Hyrcan tiger;

Take any shape but that, and my firm nerves

105 | Shall never tremble: or be alive again,

And dare me to the desert with thy sword;

If trembling I inhabit then, protest me

The baby of a girl. Hence, horrible shadow!

Unreal mockery, hence!

GHOST OF BANQUO vanishes

Why, so: being gone,

I am a man again. Pray you, sit still.

110 LADY MACBETH

You have displaced the mirth, broke the good meeting,

With most admired disorder.

MACBETH

Can such things be,

And overcome us like a summer's cloud,

Without our special wonder? You make me strange

115 | Even to the disposition that I owe,

When now I think you can behold such sights,

And keep the natural ruby of your cheeks,

When mine is blanched with fear.

ROSS

What sights, my lord?

LADY MACBETH

I pray you, speak not; he grows worse and worse;

Question enrages him. At once, good night:

Stand not upon the order of your going,

But go at once.

LENNOX

Good night; and better health

Attend his majesty!

LADY MACBETH

A kind good night to all!

Exeunt all but MACBETH and LADY MACBETH

MACBETH

It will have blood; they say, blood will have blood:

125 | Stones have been known to move and trees to speak;

Augurs and understood relations have

By magot-pies and choughs and rooks brought forth

The secret'st man of blood. What is the night?

LADY MACBETH

Almost at odds with morning, which is which.

MACBETH

130 How say'st thou, that Macduff denies his person

At our great bidding?

LADY MACBETH

Did you send to him, sir?

MACBETH

I hear it by the way; but I will send:

There's not a one of them but in his house

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

How does Lady Macbeth take control in this scene?

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



COMMENT PAUSE:

What does it tell us about Macbeth that he now start to worry about Macduff's behaviour?

I keep a servant fee'd. I will to-morrow, MOTIF MOMENT: 135 And betimes I will, to the weird sisters: BLOOD= More shall they speak; for now I am bent to know, GUILT By the worst means, the worst. For mine own good, **COMMENT PAUSE:** All causes shall give way: I am in blood Why is it important that Macbeth Stepp'd in so far that, should I wade no more, decides to go to the witches? 140 Returning were as tedious as go o'er: Strange things I have in head, that will to hand; Which must be acted ere they may be scann'd. LADY MACBETH You lack the season of all natures, sleep. **MACBETH** Come, we'll to sleep. My strange and self-abuse Is the initiate fear that wants hard use: We are yet but young in deed. Exeunt SCENE V. A Heath. 3.5 - Hecate instructs It is believed that this scene was not written by Shakespeare and the witches therefore it is not included in this booklet. It includes Hecate, the Goddess of witchcraft, telling the witches her plan for Macbeth and his downfall. SCENE VI. Forres. The palace. 3.6 - Macduff has fled to Enter LENNOX and another Lord Malcolm in England LENNOX My former speeches have but hit your thoughts, Which can interpret further: only, I say, Things have been strangely borne. The gracious Duncan Was pitied of Macbeth: marry, he was dead: And the right-valiant Banquo walk'd too late; Whom, you may say, if't please you, Fleance kill'd, For Fleance fled: men must not walk too late. Who cannot want the thought how monstrous 10 It was for Malcolm and for Donalbain To kill their gracious father? damned fact! How it did grieve Macbeth! did he not straight In pious rage the two delinquents tear, That were the slaves of drink and thralls of sleep? 15 Was not that nobly done? Ay, and wisely too; For 'twould have anger'd any heart alive To hear the men deny't. So that, I say, He has borne all things well: and I do think That had he Duncan's sons under his key--As, an't please heaven, he shall not—they should find What 'twere to kill a father; so should Fleance. But, peace! for from broad words and 'cause he fail'd His presence at the tyrant's feast, I hear Macduff lives in disgrace: sir, can you tell Where he bestows himself? Lord 25 The son of Duncan, From whom this tyrant holds the due of birth Lives in the English court, and is received Of the most pious Edward with such grace That the malevolence of fortune nothing 30 Takes from his high respect: thither Macduff

Is gone to pray the holy king, upon his aid

To wake Northumberland and warlike Siward:

That, by the help of these--with Him above

To ratify the work--we may again

35 Give to our tables meat, sleep to our nights,

Free from our feasts and banquets bloody knives,

Do faithful homage and receive free honours:

All which we pine for now: and this report

Hath so exasperate the king that he

Prepares for some attempt of war.

LENNOX

Sent he to Macduff?

40 Lord

He did: and with an absolute 'Sir, not I,'
The cloudy messenger turns me his back,
And hums, as who should say 'You'll rue the time
That clogs me with this answer.'

LENNOX

And that well might

45 Advise him to a caution, to hold what distance

His wisdom can provide. Some holy angel

Fly to the court of England and unfold

His message ere he come, that a swift blessing

May soon return to this our suffering country

Under a hand accursed!

Lord

I'll send my prayers with him. Exeunt

keunt

ACT 4

A TYRANT IS EXPOSED

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Thunder. Enter the three Witches

First Witch

Thrice the brinded cat hath mew'd.

Second Witch

Thrice and once the hedge-pig whined.

Third Witch

Harpier cries 'Tis time, 'tis time.

First Witch

Round about the cauldron go;

In the poison'd entrails throw.

Toad, that under cold stone

Days and nights has thirty-one

Swelter'd venom sleeping got,

Boil thou first i' the charmed pot.

ALL

10 Double, double toil and trouble;

Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.

Second Witch

Fillet of a fenny snake,

In the cauldron boil and bake;

Eye of newt and toe of frog,

15 | Wool of bat and tongue of dog,

Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,

Lizard's leg and owlet's wing,

4.1 – Macbeth returns to the witches for three new prophecies

MOTIF MOMENT:

Macduff has joined Malcolm

in England. What does this tell

COMMENT PAUSE:

us about Macduff?

BLOOD=

GUILT

For a charm of powerful trouble, Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

ALL

20 Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Third Witch

Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf, Witches' mummy, maw and gulf Of the ravin'd salt-sea shark,

25 Root of hemlock digg'd i' the dark,
Liver of blaspheming Jew,
Gall of goat, and slips of yew
Silver'd in the moon's eclipse,
Nose of Turk and Tartar's lips,

Finger of birth-strangled babe
Ditch-deliver'd by a drab,
Make the gruel thick and slab:
Add thereto a tiger's chaudron,
For the ingredients of our cauldron.

ALL

Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Second Witch

Cool it with a baboon's blood,
Then the charm is firm and good.
Enter HECATE to the other three Witches

HECATE

O well done! I commend your pains;
And every one shall share i' the gains;
And now about the cauldron sing,
Live elves and fairies in a ring,
Enchanting all that you put in.
Music and a song: 'Black spirits,' & c
HECATE retires

Second Witch

By the pricking of my thumbs,

45 | Something wicked this way comes.

Open, locks,

Whoever knocks!

Enter MACBETH

MACBETH

How now, you <u>secret</u>, <u>black</u>, <u>and midnight hags!</u> What is't you do?

ALL

A deed without a name.

MACBETH

I conjure you, by that which you profess,
 Howe'er you come to know it, answer me:
 Though you untie the winds and let them fight
 Against the churches; though the yesty waves
 Confound and swallow navigation up;
 Though bladed corn be lodged and trees blown down;
 Though castles topple on their warders' heads;
 Though palaces and pyramids do slope
 Their heads to their foundations; though the treasure

Of nature's germens tumble all together,

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is it important that Macbeth knows all the evil the witches can do? What does this reveal?

60 | Even till destruction sicken; answer me

To what I ask you.

First Witch

Speak.

Second Witch

Demand.

Third Witch

We'll answer.

First Witch

Say, if thou'dst rather hear it from our mouths,

Or from our masters?

MACBETH

Call 'em; let me see 'em.

First Witch

Pour in sow's blood, that hath eaten

65 Her nine farrow; grease that's sweaten

From the murderer's gibbet throw

Into the flame.

ALL

Come, high or low;

Thyself and office deftly show!

Thunder. First Apparition: an armed Head

MACBETH

Tell me, thou unknown power,--

First Witch

He knows thy thought:

70 Hear his speech, but say thou nought.

First Apparition

Macbeth! Macbeth! beware Macduff;

Beware the thane of Fife. Dismiss me. Enough. [Descends]

MACBETH

Whate'er thou art, for thy good caution, thanks;

Thou hast harp'd my fear aright: but one

word more,--

First Witch

75 He will not be commanded: here's another,

More potent than the first.

Thunder. Second Apparition: A bloody Child

Second Apparition

Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth!

MACBETH

Had I three ears, I'ld hear thee.

Second Apparition

Be bloody, bold, and resolute; laugh to scorn

The power of man, for none of woman born

Shall harm Macbeth. [Descends]

MACBETH

Then live, Macduff: what need I fear of thee?

But yet I'll make assurance double sure,

And take a bond of fate: thou shalt not live;

85 | That I may tell pale-hearted fear it lies,

And sleep in spite of thunder.

Thunder. Third Apparition: a Child crowned, with a tree in his hand

What is this

That rises like the issue of a king,

COMMENT PAUSE: Apparition 1 How does an armoured head link to this prophecy?

COMMENT PAUSE: Apparition 2 How does a bloody child link to this prophecy?

And wears upon his baby-brow the round COMMENT PAUSE: Apparition 3 And top of sovereignty? How does a crowned child with ALL a tree link to this prophecy? Listen, but speak not to't. Third Apparition 90 Be lion-mettled, proud; and take no care Who chafes, who frets, or where conspirers are: Macbeth shall never vanguish'd be until Great Birnam wood to high Dunsinane hill Shall come against him. Descends **MACBETH COMMENT PAUSE:** That will never be Give three adjectives to Who can impress the forest, bid the tree 95 describe Macbeth following Unfix his earth-bound root? Sweet bodements! good! these prophecies: Rebellion's head, rise never till the wood \rightarrow Of Birnam rise, and our high-placed Macbeth \rightarrow Shall live the lease of nature, pay his breath 100 To time and mortal custom. Yet my heart Throbs to know one thing: tell me, if your art Can tell so much: shall Banquo's issue ever Reign in this kingdom? ALL Seek to know no more. **COMMENT PAUSE: MACBETH** Macbeth threatens to curse I will be satisfied: deny me this, the witches – what does this 105 And an eternal curse fall on you! Let me know. tell us? Why sinks that cauldron? and what noise is this? Hautboys First Witch Show! Second Witch Show! Third Witch Show! ALL 110 Show his eyes, and grieve his heart; **COMMENT PAUSE:** Come like shadows, so depart! Which of the prophesies from A show of Eight Kings, the last with a glass in his hand; GHOST OF 1.3 does this link to? BANQUO following MACBETH Thou art too like the spirit of Banquo: down! Thy crown does sear mine eye-balls. And thy hair, Thou other gold-bound brow, is like the first. 115 A third is like the former. Filthy hags! Why do you show me this? A fourth! Start, eyes! What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom? Another yet! A seventh! I'll see no more: And yet the eighth appears, who bears a glass 120 Which shows me many more; and some I see

That two-fold balls and treble scepters carry:

For the blood-bolter'd Banquo smiles upon me,

Horrible sight! Now, I see, 'tis true;

And points at them for his.

Apparitions vanish

What, is this so?

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



First Witch 125 Ay, sir, all this is so: but why Stands Macbeth thus amazedly? Come, sisters, cheer we up his sprites, And show the best of our delights: I'll charm the air to give a sound, 130 While you perform your antic round: That this great king may kindly say, Our duties did his welcome pay. Music. The witches dance and then vanish, with HECATE **MACBETH** Where are they? Gone? Let this pernicious hour Stand aye accursed in the calendar! 135 Come in, without there! Enter LENNOX LENNOX What's your grace's will? MACBETH Saw you the weird sisters? LENNOX No, my lord. ANALYSIS PAUSE: MACBETH Why is it interesting that Came they not by you? Macbeth links the witches to LENNOX an infection? No, indeed, my lord. MACBETH Infected be the air whereon they ride; And damn'd all those that trust them! I did hear 140 The galloping of horse: who was't came by? LENNOX 'Tis two or three, my lord, that bring you word Macduff is fled to England. MACBETH Fled to England? LENNOX Ay, my good lord. **COMMENT PAUSE:** MACBETH Macbeth plans to kill Macduff's Time, thou anticipatest my dread exploits: family. Why is this different to 145 The flighty purpose never is o'ertook his previous murders? Unless the deed go with it; from this moment The very firstlings of my heart shall be The firstlings of my hand. And even now, To crown my thoughts with acts, be it thought and done: 150 The castle of Macduff I will surprise; Seize upon Fife; give to the edge o' the sword His wife, his babes, and all unfortunate souls That trace him in his line. No boasting like a fool; This deed I'll do before this purpose cool. 155 But no more sights!--Where are these gentlemen? Come, bring me where they are. Exeunt 4.2 -The murder of SCENE II. Fife. Macduff's castle. Macduff's family Enter LADY MACDUFF, her Son, and ROSS LADY MACDUFF What had he done, to make him fly the land? **ROSS**

You must have patience, madam.

LADY MACDUFF

He had none:

His flight was madness: when our actions do not, Our fears do make us traitors.

ROSS

You know not

5 Whether it was his wisdom or his fear.

LADY MACDUFF

Wisdom! to leave his wife, to leave his babes, His mansion and his titles in a place From whence himself does fly? He loves us not; He wants the natural touch: for the poor wren,

The most diminutive of birds, will fight,
Her young ones in her nest, against the owl.
All is the fear and nothing is the love;
As little is the wisdom, where the flight
So runs against all reason.

ROSS

My dearest coz,

I pray you, school yourself: but for your husband,
He is noble, wise, judicious, and best knows
The fits o' the season. I dare not speak much further;
But cruel are the times, when we are traitors
And do not know ourselves, when we hold rumour
 From what we fear, yet know not what we fear,
But float upon a wild and violent sea

But float upon a wild and violent sea
Each way and move. I take my leave of you:
Shall not be long but I'll be here again:

Things at the worst will cease, or else climb upward

To what they were before. My pretty cousin, Blessing upon you!

LADY MACDUFF

Father'd he is, and yet he's fatherless.

ROSS

I am so much a fool, should I stay longer, It would be my disgrace and your discomfort:

30 I take my leave at once.

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LADY MACDUFF

Sirrah, your father's dead;

And what will you do now? How will you live?

Son

As birds do, mother.

LADY MACDUFF

What, with worms and flies?

Son

With what I get, I mean; and so do they.

LADY MACDUFF

Poor bird! thou'ldst never fear the net nor lime,

35 The pitfall nor the gin.

Son

Why should I, mother? Poor birds they are not set for.

My father is not dead, for all your saying.

LADY MACDUFF

Yes, he is dead; how wilt thou do for a father?

Son Nay, how will you do for a husband? LADY MACDUFF 40 Why, I can buy me twenty at any market. Then you'll buy 'em to sell again. LADY MACDUFF Thou speak'st with all thy wit: and yet, i' faith, With wit enough for thee. Son Was my father a traitor, mother? LADY MACDUFF 45 Ay, that he was. Son What is a traitor? LADY MACDUFF Why, one that swears and lies. And be all traitors that do so? LADY MACDUFF 50 | Every one that does so is a traitor, and must be hanged. And must they all be hanged that swear and lie? LADY MACDUFF Every one. Son Who must hang them? LADY MACDUFF Why, the honest men. Son Then the liars and swearers are fools, for there are liars and swearers enow to beat the honest men and hang up them. LADY MACDUFF Now, God help thee, poor monkey! But how wilt thou do for a father? Son 60 If he were dead, you'ld weep for him: if you would not, it were a good sign that I should quickly have a new father. LADY MACDUFF Poor prattler, how thou talk'st! Enter a Messenger Messenger Bless you, fair dame! I am not to you known, Though in your state of honour I am perfect. I doubt some danger does approach you nearly: If you will take a homely man's advice, Be not found here; hence, with your little ones. To fright you thus, methinks, I am too savage; 70 To do worse to you were fell cruelty, Which is too nigh your person. Heaven preserve you!

I dare abide no longer.

LADY MACDUFF

Exit

Whither should I fly? **COMMENT PAUSE:** I have done no harm. But I remember now In terms of staging, how do I am in this earthly world; where to do harm each of the murders differ? Is often laudable, to do good sometime Duncan: Accounted dangerous folly: why then, alas, Do I put up that womanly defence, To say I have done no harm? **Enter Murderers** What are these faces? Banquo: First Murderer Where is your husband? 80 LADY MACDUFF I hope, in no place so unsanctified Where such as thou mayst find him. Macduff's family: First Murderer He's a traitor. Son Thou liest, thou shag-hair'd villain! First Murderer 85 What, you egg! Stabbing him Young fry of treachery! Son He has kill'd me, mother: Run away, I pray you! Exit LADY MACDUFF, crying 'Murder!' Exeunt Murderers, following her 4.3 – Malcolm and SCENE III. England. Before the King's palace. Macduff in England Enter MALCOLM and MACDUFF MALCOLM Let us seek out some desolate shade, and there **COMMENT PAUSE:** Weep our sad bosoms empty. What is Macbeth's reign MACDUFF doing to Scotland? Let us rather Hold fast the mortal sword, and like good men Bestride our down-fall'n birthdom: each new morn New widows howl, new orphans cry, new sorrows Strike heaven on the face, that it resounds As if it felt with Scotland and yell'd out Like syllable of dolour. MALCOLM What I believe I'll wail, tyrant: (noun) a leader who What know believe, and what I can redress, controls in a cruel way As I shall find the time to friend, I will. What you have spoke, it may be so perchance. **COMMENT PAUSE:** This **tyrant**, whose sole name blisters our tongues, How are opinions of Macbeth Was once thought honest: you have loved him well. changing at this point? He hath not touch'd you yet. I am young; but something

You may discern of him through me, and wisdom

To offer up a weak poor innocent lamb

To appease an angry god.

I am not treacherous.

MACDUFF

MALCOLM

But Macbeth is.

A good and virtuous nature may recoil
In an imperial charge. But I shall crave your pardon;
That which you are my thoughts cannot transpose:
Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell;
Though all things foul would wear the brows of grace,
Yet grace must still look so.

MACDUFF

I have lost my hopes.

MALCOLM

Perchance even there where I did find my doubts.
Why in that rawness left you wife and child,
Those precious motives, those strong knots of love,
Without leave-taking? I pray you,
Let not my jealousies be your dishonours,
But mine own safeties. You may be rightly just,
Whatever I shall think.

MACDUFF

Bleed, bleed, poor country!

Great tyranny! lay thou thy basis sure,
For goodness dare not cheque thee: wear thou thy wrongs;
The title is affeer'd! Fare thee well, lord:
I would not be the villain that thou think'st
For the whole space that's in the tyrant's grasp,
And the rich East to boot.

MALCOLM

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Be not offended:

I think our country sinks beneath the yoke; It weeps, <u>it bleeds</u>; and each new day a gash <u>Is added to her wounds</u>: I think withal There would be hands uplifted in my right; And here from gracious England have I offer Of goodly thousands: but, for all this,

I speak not as in absolute fear of you.

When I shall tread upon the tyrant's head, Or wear it on my sword, yet my poor country Shall have more vices than it had before, More suffer and more sundry ways than ever, By him that shall succeed.

MACDUFF

What should he be?

MALCOLM

It is myself I mean: in whom I know
All the particulars of vice so grafted
That, when they shall be open'd, **black** Macbeth
Will seem as pure as snow, and the poor state
Esteem him as a lamb, being compared
With my confineless harms.

MACDUFF

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Not in the legions Of horrid **hell** can come a **devil** more damn'd In evils to top Macbeth.

MALCOLM

I grant him <u>bloody</u>, Luxurious, avaricious, false, deceitful, Sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin

COMMENT PAUSE:

Give three adjectives to describe Scotland at this point:

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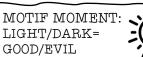
MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



ANALYSIS PAUSE:

Why might Shakespeare personify Scotland as a female that is bleeding?

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL



ANALYSIS PAUSE: "tyrant" "



That has a name: but there's no bottom, none, In my voluptuousness: your wives, your daughters, Your matrons and your maids, could not fill up The cistern of my lust, and my desire All continent impediments would o'erbear That did oppose my will: better Macbeth Than such an one to reign.

MACDUFF

Boundless intemperance
In nature is a tyranny; it hath been
The untimely emptying of the happy throne
And fall of many kings. But fear not yet
To take upon you what is yours: you may
Convey your pleasures in a spacious plenty,
And yet seem cold, the time you may so hoodwink.
We have willing dames enough: there cannot be
That vulture in you, to devour so many
As will to greatness dedicate themselves,

MALCOLM

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Finding it so inclined.

With this there grows
In my most ill-composed affection such
A stanchless avarice that, were I king,
I should cut off the nobles for their lands,
Desire his jewels and this other's house:
And my more-having would be as a sauce
To make me hunger more; that I should forge
Quarrels unjust against the good and loyal,
Destroying them for wealth.

MACDUFF

Sticks deeper, grows with more pernicious root Than summer-seeming lust, and it hath been The sword of our slain kings: yet do not fear; Scotland hath foisons to fill up your will. Of your mere own: all these are portable,

This avarice

90 With other graces weigh'd.

MALCOLM

But I have none: the king-becoming graces,
As justice, verity, temperance, stableness,
Bounty, perseverance, mercy, lowliness,
Devotion, patience, courage, fortitude,
I have no relish of them, but abound
In the division of each several crime,
Acting it many ways. Nay, had I power, I should
Pour the sweet milk of concord into hell,
Uproar the universal peace, confound
All unity on earth.

MACDUFF

O Scotland, Scotland!

MALCOLM

If such a one be fit to govern, speak: I am as I have spoken.

MACDUFF

Fit to govern!
No, not to live. O nation miserable,

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

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ANALYSIS PAUSE:

What does this list of sins, beginning with "bloody" tell us about Macbeth?

With an untitled tyrant bloody-scepter'd, 105 When shalt thou see thy wholesome days again, Since that the truest issue of thy throne By his own interdiction stands accursed, And does blaspheme his breed? Thy royal father Was a most sainted king: the queen that bore thee, 110 Oftener upon her knees than on her feet, Died every day she lived. Fare thee well! These evils thou repeat'st upon thyself Have banish'd me from Scotland. O my breast, Thy hope ends here! **MALCOLM** Macduff, this noble passion, Child of integrity, hath from my soul 115 Wiped the black scruples, reconciled my thoughts To thy good truth and honour. Devilish Macbeth By many of these trains hath sought to win me Into his power, and modest wisdom plucks me 120 From over-credulous haste: but God above Deal between thee and me! for even now I put myself to thy direction, and Unspeak mine own detraction, here abjure The taints and blames I laid upon myself, 125 For strangers to my nature. I am yet Unknown to woman, never was forsworn, Scarcely have coveted what was mine own, At no time broke my faith, would not betray The devil to his fellow and delight 130 No less in truth than life: my first false speaking Was this upon myself: what I am truly, Is thine and my poor country's to command: Whither indeed, before thy here-approach, Old Siward, with ten thousand warlike men, 135 Already at a point, was setting forth. Now we'll together; and the chance of goodness Be like our warranted quarrel! Why are you silent? MACDUFF Such welcome and unwelcome things at once 'Tis hard to reconcile. Enter a Doctor MALCOLM 140 Well; more anon.--Comes the king forth, I pray you? Doctor Ay, sir; there are a crew of wretched souls That stay his cure: their malady convinces The great assay of art; but at his touch--Such sanctity hath heaven given his hand--145 They presently amend. MALCOLM I thank you, doctor. Exit Doctor MACDUFF What's the disease he means? MALCOLM 'Tis call'd the evil:

A most miraculous work in this good king;

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

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ANALYSIS PAUSE:

Macbeth's "barren sceptre" is now visibly "bloody". If blood represents guilt, what does this suggest?

Which often, since my here-remain in England, I have seen him do. How he solicits heaven, 150 Himself best knows: but strangely-visited people, All swoln and ulcerous, pitiful to the eye, The mere despair of surgery, he cures, Hanging a golden stamp about their necks, Put on with holy prayers: and 'tis spoken, 155 To the succeeding royalty he leaves The healing benediction. With this strange virtue, He hath a heavenly gift of prophecy, And sundry blessings hang about his throne, That speak him full of grace. Enter ROSS MACDUFF See, who comes here? MALCOLM 160 My countryman; but yet I know him not. **MACDUFF** My ever-gentle cousin, welcome hither. MALCOLM I know him now. Good God, betimes remove The means that makes us strangers! **ROSS** Sir, amen. **MACDUFF** Stands Scotland where it did? ROSS Alas, poor country! 165 Almost afraid to know itself. It cannot Be call'd our mother, but our grave; where nothing, But who knows nothing, is once seen to smile; Where sighs and groans and shrieks that rend the air Are made, not mark'd; where violent sorrow seems 170 A modern ecstasy; the dead man's knell Is there scarce ask'd for who; and good men's lives Expire before the flowers in their caps, Dying or ere they sicken. **MACDUFF** O, relation Too nice, and yet too true! MALCOLM What's the newest grief? ROSS 175 That of an hour's age doth hiss the speaker: Each minute teems a new one. MACDUFF How does my wife? **ROSS** Why, well. **MACDUFF** And all my children? **ROSS** Well too. **MACDUFF** The **tyrant** has not batter'd at their peace? ROSS

No; they were well at peace when I did leave 'em. **MACDUFF** 180 But not a niggard of your speech: how goes't? When I came hither to transport the tidings, Which I have heavily borne, there ran a rumour Of many worthy fellows that were out; Which was to my belief witness'd the rather, For that I saw the tyrant's power a-foot: Now is the time of help; your eye in Scotland Would create soldiers, make our women fight, To doff their dire distresses. MALCOLM Be't their comfort We are coming thither: gracious England hath 190 Lent us good Siward and ten thousand men; An older and a better soldier none That Christendom gives out. **ROSS** Would I could answer This comfort with the like! But I have words That would be howl'd out in the desert air, 195 Where hearing should not latch them. **MACDUFF** What concern they? The general cause? or is it a fee-grief Due to some single breast? **ROSS** No mind that's honest But in it shares some woe; though the main part Pertains to you alone. **MACDUFF** If it be mine, 200 Keep it not from me, quickly let me have it. **ROSS** Let not your ears despise my tongue for ever, Which shall possess them with the heaviest sound That ever yet they heard. MACDUFF Hum! I guess at it. **ROSS** Your castle is surprised; your wife and babes 205 Savagely slaughter'd: to relate the manner, Were, on the quarry of these murder'd deer, To add the death of you. MALCOLM Merciful heaven! What, man! ne'er pull your hat upon your brows; Give sorrow words: the grief that does not speak 210 Whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break. **MACDUFF** My children too? ROSS Wife, children, servants, all That could be found. MACDUFF

And I must be from thence!

My wife kill'd too?

ROSS

I have said.

MALCOLM

Be comforted:

Let's make us medicines of our great revenge,

215 To cure this deadly grief.

MACDUFF

He has no children. All my pretty ones?

Did you say all? O hell-kite! All?

What, all my pretty chickens and their dam

At one fell swoop?

MALCOLM

220 Dispute it like a man.

MACDUFF

I shall do so:

But I must also feel it as a man:

I cannot but remember such things were,

That were most precious to me. Did heaven look on,

And would not take their part? Sinful Macduff,

225 | They were all struck for thee! naught that I am,

Not for their own demerits, but for mine,

Fell slaughter on their souls. Heaven rest them now!

MALCOLM

Be this the whetstone of your sword: let grief

Convert to anger; blunt not the heart, enrage it.

MACDUFF

230 O, I could play the woman with mine eyes

And braggart with my tongue! But, gentle heavens,

Cut short all intermission; front to front

Bring thou this fiend of Scotland and myself;

Within my sword's length set him; if he 'scape,

235 | Heaven forgive him too!

MALCOLM

This tune goes manly.

Come, go we to the king; our power is ready;

Our lack is nothing but our leave; Macbeth

Is ripe for shaking, and the powers above

Put on their instruments. Receive what cheer you may:

The night is long that never finds the day.

Exeunt

COMMENT PAUSE:

What does Macduff's reaction to his family's murder teach us about his character?

MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

What does Malcolm mean when he says "Macbeth is ripe for shaking"?



ACT 5

THE RIGHTFUL KING IS RESTORED



SCENE I. Dunsinane. Ante-room in the castle.

Enter a Doctor of Physic and a Waiting-Gentlewoman

Doctor

I have two nights watched with you, but can Perceive no truth in your report. When was it she

last walked?

Gentlewoman

Since his majesty went into the field, I

have seen her rise from her bed, throw her night-gown

upon her, unlock her closet, take forth paper,

5.1 – Lady Macbeth sleepwalks

fold it, write upon't, read it, afterwards seal it, and again return to bed; yet all this while in a most fast sleep.

Doctor

A great perturbation in nature, to receive at Once the benefit of sleep, and do the effects of watching! In this slumbery agitation, besides her walking and other actual performances, what, at any time, have you heard her say?

Gentlewoman

15 That, sir, which I will not report after her.

Doctor

You may to me: and 'tis most meet you should.

Gentlewoman

Neither to you nor any one; having no witness to confirm my speech.

Enter LADY MACBETH, with a taper (candle)
Lo you, here she comes! This is her very guise;
and, upon my life, fast asleep. Observe her; stand close.

Doctor

How came she by that light?

Gentlewoman

Why, it stood by her: she has light by her continually; 'tis her command.

Doctor

You see, her eyes are open.

Gentlewoman

25 Ay, but their sense is shut.

Doctor

What is it she does now? Look, how she rubs her hands.

Gentlewoman

It is an accustomed action with her, to seem thus washing her hands: I have known her continue in this a quarter of an hour.

LADY MACBETH

Yet here's a spot.

Doctor

Hark! she speaks: I will set down what comes from her, to satisfy my remembrance the more strongly.

LADY MACBETH

Out, damned spot! out, I say!--One: two: why, then, 'tis time to do't.--Hell is murky!--Fie, my lord, fie! a soldier, and afeard? What need we

fear who knows it, when none can call our power to account?--Yet who would have thought the old man to have had so much blood in him.

Doctor

Do you mark that?

LADY MACBETH

The thane of Fife had a wife: where is she now?--What, will these hands ne'er be clean?--No more o' that, my lord, no more o' that: you mar all with this starting.

Doctor

Go to, go to; you have known what you should not.

Gentlewoman

COMMENT PAUSE:

In 1.5 Lady Macbeth wanted darkness ("Come thick night") and now "she has light by her continually" – what does this indicate to the audience?

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL



MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT

COMMENT PAUSE:

Lady Macbeth imagines blood on her hands. How does this link to: a) The motif of blood

b) Macbeth's earlier
comment on "Neptune's ocean"

COMMENT PAUSE: Lady Macbeth imagines hell. What is this significant?

She has spoke what she should not, I am sure of that: heaven knows what she has known. 45

LADY MACBETH



Here's the smell of the blood still: all the

perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. Oh, oh, oh!

Doctor

What a sigh is there! The heart is sorely charged.

I would not have such a heart in my bosom for the dignity of the whole body.

Doctor

Well, well, well,--

Gentlewoman

Pray God it be, sir.

Doctor

This disease is beyond my practise: yet I have known those which have walked in their sleep who have died holily in their beds.

LADY MACBETH

Wash your hands, put on your nightgown; look not so pale.--I tell you yet again, Banquo's buried; he cannot come out on's grave.

Doctor

60 Even so?

LADY MACBETH

come, come, come, give me your hand. What's done cannot be undone.--To bed, to bed, to bed! Exit Doctor

To bed, to bed! there's knocking at the gate:

Will she go now to bed?

Gentlewoman

65 Directly.

Doctor

Foul whisperings are abroad: unnatural deeds Do breed unnatural troubles: infected minds To their deaf pillows will discharge their secrets: More needs she the divine than the physician.

God, God forgive us all! Look after her;

Remove from her the means of all annoyance, And still keep eyes upon her. So, good night: My mind she has mated, and amazed my sight. I think, but dare not speak.

Gentlewoman

75 Good night, good doctor.

Exeunt

SCENE II. The country near Dunsinane.

Drum and colours. Enter MENTEITH, CAITHNESS, ANGUS, LENNOX, and Soldiers

MENTEITH

The English power is near, led on by Malcolm, His uncle Siward and the good Macduff: Revenges burn in them; for their dear causes Would to the bleeding and the grim alarm Excite the mortified man.

ANGUS

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"All the perfumes of Arabia

will not sweeten this little hand"

ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"What's done is done" (3.2)

has become "What's done cannot be undone" (5.1)

5.2 -The thanes leave Macbeth to join Malcolm

Near Birnam wood **COMMENT PAUSE:** Shall we well meet them; that way are they coming. How are opinion of Macbeth **CAITHNESS** changing? Who knows if Donalbain be with his brother? LENNOX For certain, sir, he is not: I have a file Of all the gentry: there is Siward's son, And many unrough youths that even now Protest their first of manhood. **MENTEITH** What does the tyrant? **CAITHNESS** Great Dunsinane he strongly fortifies: Some say he's mad; others that lesser hate him Do call it valiant fury: but, for certain, 15 He cannot buckle his distemper'd cause Within the belt of rule. **ANGUS** Now does he feel MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= His secret murders sticking on his hands; GUILT Now minutely revolts upbraid his faith-breach; Those he commands move only in command, **ANALYSIS PAUSE:** Nothing in love: now does he feel his title "his title hang loose about him Hang loose about him, like a giant's robe Upon a dwarfish thief. MENTEITH Who then shall blame His pester'd senses to recoil and start, When all that is within him does condemn 25 Itself for being there? like a giant's robe on a dwarfish **CAITHNESS** thief" Well, march we on, To give obedience where 'tis truly owed: Meet we the medicine of the sickly weal, And with him pour we in our country's purge Each drop of us. LENNOX Or so much as it needs, To dew the sovereign flower and drown the weeds. Make we our march towards Birnam. Exeunt, marching 5.3 – Macbeth gets news SCENE III. Dunsinane. A room in the castle. about the English army Enter MACBETH, Doctor, and Attendants **MACBETH COMMENT PAUSE:** Bring me no more reports; let them fly all: How is Macbeth feeling about Till Birnam wood remove to Dunsinane, his power at this point? I cannot taint with fear. What's the boy Malcolm? Was he not born of woman? The spirits that know \rightarrow All mortal consequences have pronounced me thus: 'Fear not, Macbeth; no man that's born of woman Whv? Shall e'er have power upon thee.' Then fly, false thanes, And mingle with the English epicures:

The mind I sway by and the heart I bear

Shall never sag with doubt nor shake with fear.

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Enter a Servant

The devil damn thee black, thou cream-faced loon!

Where got'st thou that goose look?

Servant

There is ten thousand--

MACBETH

Geese, villain!

Servant

Soldiers, sir.

MACBETH

Go prick thy face, and over-red thy fear,
Thou lily-liver'd boy. What soldiers, patch?
Death of thy soul! those linen cheeks of thine
Are counsellors to fear. What soldiers, whey-face?

Servant

The English force, so please you.

MACBETH

Take thy face hence.

Exit Servant

Seyton!--I am sick at heart,

20 When I behold--Seyton, I say!--This push

Will cheer me ever, or disseat me now.

I have lived long enough: my way of life

Is fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf;

And that which should accompany old age,

25 As honour, love, obedience, troops of friends,

I must not look to have; but, in their stead,

Curses, not loud but deep, mouth-honour, breath,

Which the poor heart would fain deny, and dare not. Seyton!

Enter SEYTON

SEYTON

30 What is your gracious pleasure?

MACBETH

What news more?

SEYTON

All is confirm'd, my lord, which was reported.

MACBETH

I'll fight till from my bones my flesh be hack'd. Give me my armour.

SEYTON

'Tis not needed yet.

MACBETH

I'll put it on.

Send out more horses; skirr the country round;
Hang those that talk of fear. Give me mine armour.
How does your patient, doctor?

Doctor

Not so sick, my lord,

As she is troubled with thick coming fancies,

That keep her from her rest.

MACBETH

Cure her of that.

40 Canst thou not minister to a mind diseased, Pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow, Raze out the written troubles of the brain And with some sweet oblivious antidote

MOTIF MOMENT: LIGHT/DARK= GOOD/EVIL

COMMENT PAUSE:

How is Macbeth behaving at this point? Give three adverbs:

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Cleanse the stuff'd bosom of that perilous stuff

45 Which weighs upon the heart?

Doctor

Therein the patient

Must minister to himself.

MACBETH

Throw physic to the dogs; I'll none of it.

Come, put mine armour on; give me my staff.

Seyton, send out. Doctor, the thanes fly from me.

50 Come, sir, dispatch. If thou couldst, doctor, cast

The water of my land, find her disease,

And purge it to a sound and pristine health,

I would applaud thee to the very echo,

That should applaud again.--Pull't off, I say.--

55 What rhubarb, cyme, or what purgative drug,

Would scour these English hence? Hear'st thou of them?

Doctor

Ay, my good lord; your royal preparation

Makes us hear something.

MACBETH

Bring it after me.

I will not be afraid of death and bane,

Till Birnam forest come to Dunsinane.

Doctor

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[Aside] Were I from Dunsinane away and clear,

Profit again should hardly draw me here.

Exeunt

SCENE IV. Country near Birnam wood.

Drum and colours. Enter MALCOLM, SIWARD and YOUNG SIWARD, MACDUFF, MENTEITH, CAITHNESS, ANGUS, LENNOX, ROSS, and

Soldiers, marching

MALCOLM

Cousins, I hope the days are near at hand

That chambers will be safe.

MENTEITH

We doubt it nothing.

SIWARD

What wood is this before us?

MENTEITH

The wood of Birnam.

MALCOLM

Let every soldier hew him down a bough

And bear't before him: thereby shall we shadow

The numbers of our host and make discovery

Err in report of us.

Soldiers

It shall be done.

SIWARD

We learn no other but the confident tyrant

Keeps still in Dunsinane, and will endure

10 Our setting down before 't.

MALCOLM

'Tis his main hope:

For where there is advantage to be given,

Both more and less have given him the revolt,

COMMENT PAUSE:

Highlight Macbeth's use of imperative verbs. How has this

changed since at one?

 $5.4\,$ – Malcolm tells the soldiers to take down a branch for camouflage

COMMENT PAUSE:

How is Shakespeare presenting the witches, and therefore the supernatural, at this point in the play?

And none serve with him but constrained things Whose hearts are absent too. **MACDUFF** Let our just censures 15 Attend the true event, and put we on Industrious soldiership. **SIWARD** The time approaches That will with due decision make us know What we shall say we have and what we owe. Thoughts speculative their unsure hopes relate, 20 But certain issue strokes must arbitrate: Towards which advance the war. Exeunt, marching SCENE V. Dunsinane. Within the castle. 5.5 - Macbeth learns of Enter MACBETH, SEYTON, and Soldiers, with drum and colours Lady Macbeth's death and the wood moving **MACBETH** Hang out our banners on the outward walls; The cry is still 'They come:' our castle's strength Will laugh a siege to scorn: here let them lie Till famine and the ague eat them up: Were they not forced with those that should be ours, We might have met them dareful, beard to beard, And beat them backward home. A cry of women within What is that noise? **SEYTON** It is the cry of women, my good lord. Exit **MACBETH** I have almost forgot the taste of fears; The time has been, my senses would have cool'd To hear a night-shriek; and my fell of hair Would at a dismal treatise rouse and stir As life were in't: I have supp'd full with horrors; Direness, familiar to my slaughterous thoughts **COMMENT PAUSE:** 15 Cannot once start me. Shakespeare uses Lady Re-enter SEYTON Macbeth's death to teach us Wherefore was that cry? what about the nature of **SEYTON** power? The queen, my lord, is dead. **MACBETH** She should have died hereafter; There would have been a time for such a word. To-morrow, and to-morrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day To the last syllable of recorded time, And all our yesterdays have lighted fools The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player That struts and frets his hour upon the stage And then is heard no more: it is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, Signifying nothing. Enter a Messenger

Thou comest to use thy tongue; thy story quickly.

Messenger 30 Gracious my lord, I should report that which I say I saw, But know not how to do it. MACBETH Well, say, sir. Messenger As I did stand my watch upon the hill, I look'd toward Birnam, and anon, methought, 35 The wood began to move. MACBETH Liar and slave! Messenger Let me endure your wrath, if't be not so: Within this three mile may you see it coming; I say, a moving grove. MACBETH **COMMENT PAUSE:** If thou speak'st false, What is Macbeth realising about Upon the next tree shalt thou hang alive, the witches/supernatural? 40 Till famine cling thee: if thy speech be sooth, I care not if thou dost for me as much. I pull in resolution, and begin To doubt the equivocation of the fiend That lies like truth: 'Fear not, till Birnam wood 45 Do come to Dunsinane:' and now a wood Comes toward Dunsinane. Arm, arm, and out! If this which he avouches does appear, There is nor flying hence nor tarrying here. I gin to be aweary of the sun, And wish the estate o' the world were now undone. 50 Ring the alarum-bell! Blow, wind! come, wrack! At least we'll die with harness on our back. Exeunt SCENE VI. Dunsinane. Before the castle. 5.6 - Malcolm and his Drum and colours. Enter MALCOLM, SIWARD, MACDUFF, and their army arrive at the castle Army, with boughs **COMMENT PAUSE:** MALCOLM Why is it interesting that Now near enough: your leafy screens throw down. Malcolm calls Macduff "worthy"? And show like those you are. You, worthy uncle, Shall, with my cousin, your right-noble son, Lead our first battle: worthy Macduff and we Shall take upon 's what else remains to do, According to our order. **SIWARD** Fare you well. Do we but find the tyrant's power to-night, Let us be beaten, if we cannot fight. **MACDUFF** Make all our trumpets speak; give them all breath, Those clamorous harbingers of blood and death. 5.6 – Malcolm and his SCENE VII. Another part of the field. army arrive at the castle Alarums. Enter MACBETH **MACBETH** They have tied me to a stake; I cannot fly, But, bear-like, I must fight the course. What's he

That was not born of woman? Such a one

Am I to fear, or none.

Enter YOUNG SIWARD

YOUNG SIWARD

What is thy name?

MACBETH

Thou'lt be afraid to hear it.

YOUNG SIWARD

No; though thou call'st thyself a hotter name Than any is in hell.

MACBETH

My name's Macbeth.

YOUNG SIWARD

The **devil** himself could not pronounce a title More hateful to mine ear.

MACBETH

No. nor more fearful.

YOUNG SIWARD

Thou liest, abhorred **tyrant**; with my sword I'll prove the lie thou speak'st.

They fight and YOUNG SIWARD is slain

MACBETH

Thou wast born of woman But swords I smile at, weapons laugh to scorn, Brandish'd by man that's of a woman born. Exit. Alarums. Enter MACDUFF

MACDUFF

That way the noise is. Tyrant, show thy face!

If thou be'st slain and with no stroke of mine,

My wife and children's ghosts will haunt me still.

I cannot strike at wretched kerns, whose arms

Are hired to bear their staves: either thou, Macbeth,

Or else my sword with an unbatter'd edge

20 <u>I sheathe again undeeded</u>. There thou shouldst be; By this great clatter, one of greatest note Seems bruited. Let me find him, fortune! And more I beg not.

Exit. Alarums Enter MALCOLM and SIWARD

SIWARD

This way, my lord; the castle's gently render'd:
The tyrant's people on both sides do fight;
The noble thanes do bravely in the war;
The day almost itself professes yours,
And little is to do.

MALCOLM

We have met with foes

That strike beside us.

SIWARD

Enter, sir, the castle.

Exeunt. Alarums

SCENE VIII. Another part of the field.

Enter MACBETH

MACBETH

Why should I play the Roman fool, and die On mine own sword? whiles I see lives, the gashes Do better upon them. ANALYSIS PAUSE:

What does the repetition of "devil" and "tyrant" suggest?

COMMENT PAUSE:

How is Macbeth behaving here:

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MOTIF MOMENT: SWORDS/DAGGERS= HONOUR/BETRAYAL

COMMENT PAUSE:

How is Macduff behaving here:

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S.8 - Macduff defeats
Macbeth; Malcolm will be
crowned King of Scotland



Enter MACDUFF

MACDUFF

Turn, hell-hound, turn!

MACBETH

Of all men else I have avoided thee:

But get thee back; <u>my soul is too much charged</u>
With blood of thine already.

MACDUFF

I have no words:

My voice is in my sword: thou bloodier villain Than terms can give thee out! They fight

MACBETH

Thou losest labour:

As easy mayst thou the intrenchant air
With thy keen sword impress as make me bleed:
Let fall thy blade on vulnerable crests;
I bear a charmed life, which must not yield,
To one of woman born.

MACDUFF

Despair thy charm;

And let the angel whom thou still hast served Tell thee, Macduff was from his mother's womb Untimely ripp'd.

MACBETH

Accursed be that tongue that tells me so, For it hath cow'd my better part of man! And be these juggling fiends no more believed,

That palter with us in a double sense;That keep the word of promise to our ear,And break it to our hope. I'll not fight with thee.

MACDUFF

Then yield thee, coward,

And live to be the show and gaze o' the time:

We'll have thee, as our rarer monsters are, Painted on a pole, and underwrit, 'Here may you see the tyrant.'

MACBETH

I will not yield,

To kiss the ground before young Malcolm's feet, And to be baited with the rabble's curse.

Though Birnam wood be come to Dunsinane,
And thou opposed, being of no woman born,
Yet I will try the last. Before my body
I throw my warlike shield. Lay on, Macduff,
And damn'd be him that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'
Exeunt, fighting. Alarums. Retreat. Flourish. Enter, with drum and colours, MALCOLM, SIWARD, ROSS, the other Thanes, and Soldiers

MALCOLM

35 I would the friends we miss were safe arrived.

SIWARD

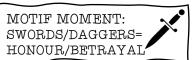
Some must go off: and yet, by these I see, So great a day as this is cheaply bought.

MALCOLM

Macduff is missing, and your noble son.

ROSS

MOTIF MOMENT: BLOOD= GUILT



ANALYSIS PAUSE:
"Turn, hell-hound, turn"

COMMENT PAUSE:

What is Shakespeare teaching the audience about the supernatural?

Your son, my lord, has paid a soldier's debt:

40 He only lived but till he was a man;

> The which no sooner had his prowess confirm'd In the unshrinking station where he fought, But like a man he died.

SIWARD

Then he is dead?

ROSS

Ay, and brought off the field: your cause of sorrow Must not be measured by his worth, for then It hath no end.

SIWARD

Had he his hurts before?

ROSS

Ay, on the front.

SIWARD

Why then, God's soldier be he!

Had I as many sons as I have hairs,

I would not wish them to a fairer death:

And so, his knell is knoll'd. 50

MALCOLM

He's worth more sorrow,

And that I'll spend for him.

SIWARD

He's worth no more

They say he parted well, and paid his score:

And so, God be with him! Here comes newer comfort.

Re-enter MACDUFF, with MACBETH's head

MACDUFF

Hail, king! for so thou art: behold, where stands

55 The usurper's cursed head: the time is free:

I see thee compass'd with thy kingdom's pearl,

That speak my salutation in their minds;

Whose voices I desire aloud with mine:

Hail, King of Scotland!

ALL

Hail, King of Scotland! Flourish

MALCOLM

We shall not spend a large expense of time

Before we reckon with your several loves,

And make us even with you. My thanes and kinsmen,

Henceforth be earls, the first that ever Scotland

In such an honour named. What's more to do,

Which would be planted newly with the time,

As calling home our exiled friends abroad

That fled the snares of watchful tyranny;

Producing forth the cruel ministers

Of this dead butcher and his fiend-like queen,

Who, as 'tis thought, by self and violent hands

Took off her life; this, and what needful else

That calls upon us, by the grace of Grace,

We will perform in measure, time and place:

So, thanks to all at once and to each one,

Whom we invite to see us crown'd at Scone.

Flourish. Exeunt

COMMENT PAUSE:

Why is it important that Malcolm, and not Macduff, becomes King?

ANALYSIS PAUSE:

"dead butcher

and his fiend-like queen"

fiend: (noun) a demon or evil spirit

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