

## Macbeth Summary, Quotations and Context Guide

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<p>Witch 1 'When shall we three meet again, in thunder, lightning, or in rain?'                      'Captain speaking to King Duncan 'brave Macbeth' &amp; 'smok'd with bloody execution'                      Second Witch 'Hail to the, Thane of Cawdor'                      Third Witch 'All hail Macbeth, that shall be King hereafter'                      Third witch (about Banquo) 'Thou shall get Kings, though thou be none'                      Duncan 'Our eldest, Malcolm, whom we name hereafter Prince of Cumberland'                      Macbeth 'Stars hide your fires, let not light                      Lady Macbeth 'I do fear thy nature It is too full o'th'milk of human kindness'                      LM 'unsex me here' 'full of direst cruelty' 'And take my milk for gall, you murdering ministers' 'look like the innocent flower but be the serpent under't'                      Duncan to Lady Macbeth about Macbeth 'we love him greatly'                      Macbeth 'I have no spur to prick the sides of my intent, but only Vaulting ambition'                      Lady Macbeth 'Was the hope drunk wherein you dress'd yourself?' 'When you durst do it, then you were a man.' 'dash'd the brains out' 'screw your courage to the sticking place'</p>	<p>Macbeth: 'Is this a dagger I see before me,'                      'Thou marshall'st me the way I was going'                      Stage directions A bell rings 'I go and it is done' 'That summons thee to heaven or to hell'                      Stage direction 'Enter Macbeth with two bloody daggers'                      Lady Macbeth 'Had he not resembled my father as he slept. I had done't.'                      Macbeth: 'Methought I heard a voice cry, 'Sleep no more: Macbeth does murder sleep'                      Lady Macbeth 'Infirm of purpose. Give me those daggers' 'A little water clears us of this deed'                      Macbeth about Duncan's attendants 'O, yet I do repent me of my fury That I did kill them'                      Malcolm I'll to England'                      Donalbain 'I'll to Ireland' 'There's daggers in men's smiles; the nea'er in blood, The nearer bloody'                      Old Man 'Tis unnatural Even like the deed that's done'                      Ross 'Then tis most like The sovereignty will fall on Macbeth'                      Macduff 'Lest our old robes sit easier than out new'                      Banquo: 'A heavy summons lies like lead upon me, And yet I would not sleep'                      Macbeth: 'Is this a dagger I see before me,'                      'Thou marshall'st me the way I was going'</p>	<p>Banquo: 'i fear thou played most foully for't'                      Macbeth: 'Banquo, they souls flight, If it find heaven, must find it out tonight.'                      Lady Macbeth: 'what's done, is done.'                      Macbeth: 'O, full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife'                      Stage directions 'Dies Fleance escapes'                      Stage directions 'Enter the ghost of Banquo and sits in Macbeth's place'                      Macbeth: 'never shake They gory locks at me!' / Lady Macbeth (to Macbeth) 'Are you a man?' / Macbeth: 'Hence horrible shadow,'                      Hecate: 'Was never called to bear my part Or show the glory of our art?'                      Hecate: 'He shall spurn fate, scorn death, and bear His hopes 'bove wisdom, grace and fear'                      Lennox: 'cause he fail'd His presence at the tyrant's feast, I hear Macduff lives in disgrace.'                      Lord: 'From whom this tyrant holds the due of birth, Lives in the English court' about Malcolm / Lord: 'Prepares for some attempt at war'</p>	<p>Macbeth: 'How now you secret, black and midnight hags!'                      First Apparition: 'Macbeth, Macbeth, Macbeth: beware Macduff'                      Second Apparition: 'for none of women born Shall harm Macbeth.'                      Third Apparition: 'Macbeth shall never vanquish'd be until Great Birnam Wood to high Dunsinane Hill Shall come against him'                      Stage directions: 'Kills him' / Exit Lady Macduff crying Murder pursued by Murderers with her son'                      Macduff: 'I am not treacherous'                      Malcolm: 'Be not offended I speak not in absolute fear of you.'                      Macduff: 'Fit to govern? No, not to live. O nation miserable! With an until'd tyrant, bloody sceptr'd'                      Ross: 'your wife and babes Savagely slaughter'd'                      Malcolm: 'Come, go we to the king; our power is ready;'</p>	<p>Lady Macbeth: 'Out damned spot, Out, I say!'                      Lady Macbeth: 'what's done cannot be undone. To bed, to bed, to bed.'                      Malcolm: 'Let every soldier hew him down a bough; And bear't before him'                      Seyron: 'The queen, my lord, is dead.' / Macbeth: Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow Creeps in this petty pace' 'Ring the alarum bell!'                      Macduff: 'Those clamorous harbingers of blood and death.'                      Macbeth: 'I will not yield'                      Stage Directions: 'Macbeth slain'                      Macduff: 'Hail King for so thou are.' Malcolm: 'Of this dead butcher and his fiend-like Queen.'</p>

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<p>1.1: The Witches plan to meet Macbeth; 1.2 King Duncan hears the battle is won and awards Macbeth 'Thane of Cawdor'; 1.3 The Witches meet Macbeth &amp; Banquo on the heath &amp; tell their prophecies; 1.4 Duncan announces Malcolm will be King; 1.5 Lady Macbeth receives a letter with Macbeth's news; 1.6 King Duncan is welcomed to the castle; 1.7 Macbeth leaves the dinner worried. Lady Macbeth persuades him to kill Duncan.</p>	<p>2.1 Banquo and Fleance are going to bed. They see Macbeth and feel suspicious. Is this a dagger soliloquy.; 2.2 Macbeth has murdered Duncan. He regrets it. Lady Macbeth gets rid of the daggers.; 2.3 Duncan's murder is discovered. Macbeth kills the attendants. Duncan's; 2.4 Unnatural events are discussed. Macbeth is to be King.</p>	<p>3.1 Banquo is suspicious. Macbeth arranges him &amp; his son Fleance's murders; 3.2 Lady Macbeth is uneasy, ; Macbeth is secretive with her.; 3.3 Banquo is murdered, Fleance flees; 3.4 Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost at a state banquet. His behaviour is noticed; 3.5 The witches &amp; hecate prepare for their next meeting with Macbeth; 3.6 Malcolm is joined in England by Macduff. The English King will fight against Macbeth.</p>	<p>4.1 The Witches meet Macbeth again and tell him another three prophecies that both comfort and alarm 4.2 Lady Macduff is warned to escape, but the message is too late. They are all murdered. 4.3 Macduff joins Malcolm at Edward the Confessor's court. Plan to invade Scotland. Macduff hears of his family's murder.</p>	<p>5.1 Lady Macbeth's conscience plays up, she sleepwalks &amp; dreams of the murder; 5.2 Macbeth is showing signs of panic as the army approaches; 5.3 Macbeth recalls the Witches prophecies, discusses, with doctor, Lady Macbeth's condition &amp; goes to battle; 5.4 Malcolm's soldiers hide with Birnam Woods trees; 5.5 Macbeth learns Lady Macbeth is dead; 5.6 Malcolm's army arrives full battle starts 5.7 Macbeth dies; 5.8 Malcolm is crowned.</p>
<p>Shakespeare's audiences were superstitious and would have believed that Witches existed and that they had power to control the future and the weather. Lady Macbeth as a strong female character goes against patriarchal rule.</p>	<p>Killing a King goes against The Divine Rights of Kings, which is the belief that God ordained who should be on the throne, so this makes Macbeth treasonous in the eyes of God. He is also not the correct ruler of the crown. King James 1st as the Scottish King and this being the Scottish play also links. King James the 1st was worried about treason and being killed on the throne as he knew his position was tenuous due to his Scottish heritage and the fact that his predecessor had chosen him.</p>	<p>Links to King James the 1st writing the book Deamonologie about Witches and Witchcraft and the Witch hunts that ensued under his rule.</p>	<p>Witches were widely suspected of being false women and were often accused of meddling in others affairs and this is exactly what they are doing here with Macbeth.</p>	<p>The rightful heir is restored to the throne putting the line of succession back in order when Macbeth is killed. A warning that treason never pays. Mental health and its impact can be seen in the death of Lady Macbeth too.</p>