

1. Shakespeare's purpose for allowing the audience to see the witches making their brew is _____

2. About whom is the second witch talking in lines 44-45? _____ Why are these lines *ironic*? _____

3. How does Macbeth greet the witches? (lines 46-48) _____

4. When Macbeth demands that the witches speak to him, what choice do they offer him? (lines 61-63) _____

5. Macbeth is shown three apparitions, or visions, by the witches. The first apparition is: (director's notes)

6. What prophecy, or warning, does this first apparition give Macbeth? (lines 71-72) _____

7. How does Macbeth respond? (lines 73-74) _____
8. What is the second apparition? _____
9. What prophecy does it bring?(lines 80-81) _____
10. What is the third apparition? _____
11. What prophecy does it bring? (lines 92-94) _____
12. When Macbeth insists on knowing what the future holds for Banquo's children, what pantomime of apparitions do the witches show him and what does it mean? (lines 110-124) _____

13. Why are lines 138-140 *ironic*? _____

14. What news does Lennox bring about Macduff? (lines 141-143) _____
15. After seeing these visions and receiving this news, what resolution does Macbeth make? (lines 144-155) _____

16. In scene ii Ross, trying to explain to Lady Macduff why her husband has fled to England, describes what Scotland is like under Macbeth's rule.
 - a. What does Ross say about Macduff? (lines 15-17) _____

 - b. What does he say about Scotland? (lines 18-25) _____

17. What happens to Lady Macduff and her children after Ross leaves? (lines 61-82) _____

18. In scene iii Macduff has come to England to pledge his support to Malcolm. Malcolm, not yet ready to trust Macduff, slanders himself in order to test Macduff's loyalty. When Macduff makes it clear that his first loyalty is to Scotland, Malcolm knows he can trust him.

What plans does Malcolm then reveal to Macduff? (lines 133-137) _____

19. What news does Ross bring? (204-206) _____

20. What is Macduff's response to the news? (220-234) _____

21. What favor does Macduff beg of "gentle heavens"? (lines 232-233) _____

Line Quiz, Act IV

“By the pricking of my thumbs,
Something wicked this way comes:”

a. Who said?

b. about whom?

c. Why significant?

“Infected be the air whereon they ride,
And damned all those that trust them!...”

d. Who said?

e. Why ironic?

“The very firstlings of my heart shalt be
The firstlings of my hand. And even now,
To crown my thoughts with acts, be it thought and done:”

f. Who said?

g. Represents what change in Macbeth?

“Whither should I fly?
I have done no harm. But I remember now
I am in this earthly world, where to do harm
Is often laudable...”

h. Who said?

i. meaning?

“Bleed, bleed, poor country!”

j. Who said?

k. What country?

l. Meaning?

“My first false speaking
Was this upon myself. What I am truly,
Is thine and my poor country’s to command.”

m. Who said?

n. What false statements about himself?

o. What is the truth about the speaker?

“Be comforted.
Let’s make us med’cines of our great revenge
To cure this deadly grief.”

p. Who said?

q. What advice does he give about coping with grief?

To Whom?

“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...”

r. Who said?

s. How would one “play the woman” with one’s eyes?

t. What prayer does the speaker voice?

Scene i

1. How do the ingredients used by the witches reflect their wickedness?
2. What apocalyptic events does Macbeth mention in lines 52-60?
3. What are the five major sections of this scene?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
4. How has Macbeth's attitude toward the witches changed since his earlier encounter with them?
5. Macbeth's focus has narrowed from his desire to save Scotland, reported at the beginning of the play. What is Macbeth's only interest now?
6. Lines 82-86 – Why will Macbeth kill Macduff despite the prophecy?

Scene ii

7. Why does Lady Macduff believe her husband fled?
8. Lines 31-35 – What Biblical allusion is represent here?
9. What is the point of warning Lady Macduff to leave the house, if she refuses to leave? What does this add to the play?

Scene iii

10. Why is Malcolm wary of Macduff's motives?
11. Based on this scene, what is Malcolm's character?
12. "All my pretty ones?/ Did you say all?" To what event do these lines refer?
13. "The night is long that never finds the day." Explain this line.
14. What is the synecdoche in line 201?