

Year 11 – GCSE English Literature Homework – Macbeth

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The 10 minute knowledge quiz

Question	What is your answer?	RAG rate your answer. How confident are you that you're correct?	What is the actual answer?
1	In what century do the events of the play take place?		11 th
2	Where do the witches say that they shall meet Macbeth?		On the heath
3	What is the name of the "villainous arch rebel" who Macbeth kills in battle?		Macdonwald
4	Who is the traitorous thane whom King Duncan sentences to death?		Thane of Cawdor
5	Why does Duncan bestow this title upon Macbeth?		For bravery and loyalty
6	List two details about the unusual appearance of the weird sisters.		Beards, skinny lips, withered, wildly dressed
7	By what two titles do the witches greet Macbeth which he does not yet hold?		'Thane of Cawdor'; shalt be king hereafter
8	What is the missing word: "_____ than Macbeth, and greater" ?		Lesser
9	What news does Macbeth receive shortly after the witches vanish into the air?		He is the newly titled thane of Cawdor
10	Who issues this warning to Macbeth: "To win us to our harm, the instruments of darkness tell us truths" ?		Banquo
11	Who does King Duncan pronounce as his heir to the throne of Scotland?		His son, Malcolm
12	By what title is this person to be known?		Prince of Cumberland
13	Fill in the missing words: "_____ hide your _____, Let not light see my _____ and _____ desires."		Stars; fires black; deep
14	What is Lady Macbeth reading when she first appears on stage?		Macbeth's letter
15	Supply the missing words: "Look like the innocent _____ but be the _____ under't."		Flower ; serpent
16	What does Lady Macbeth say she will do to the drinks of Duncan's grooms?		Drug their possets
17	List two reasons why Macbeth says he will "proceed no further in this business."		D has honoured him lately. He is D's host
18	How is Duncan to be murdered?		Stabbed to death
19	Who will be blamed for the regicide?		D's own guards
20	Who is the more dominant partner at this point in the play?		Lady Macbeth

Now complete one of the following activities in full sentences:

Write a detailed summary of what happens in Act One without looking in your books.

OR "The witches exert a greater influence over Macbeth than Lady Macbeth." Do you agree? Explain your ideas.

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1	Which character is unable to sleep after the king has retired to bed?		Banquo
2	What does Macbeth claim he can see just before he goes to commit regicide?		A dagger
3	Complete the quotation: "Is this a _____ I see before me, the _____ toward my _____? Come, let me _____ thee."		Dagger; handle; hand
4	What noise does Macbeth say "invites" him to commit regicide on the unguarded king?		A bell tolls
5	Who does Lady Macbeth claim King Duncan resembled "as he slept"?		Her father
6	What impact does this have on her role in the regicide?		She is unable to kill Duncan herself
7	With what does Macbeth mistakenly return to his own chamber?		The grooms' daggers
8	Complete the quotation: "_____ of purpose. _____ me the daggers."		Infirm; Give
9	What does Macbeth claim to have heard after killing Duncan?		A voice crying out to all the house
10	What did it say Macbeth would no longer be able to do?		Sleep no more
11	What sound effect causes tension to rise dramatically at the end of Act 2 scene 2?		Knocking at the South gate
12	Which thane does the porter greet?		Macduff, thane of Fife
13	Which character says it was a "rough night"?		Macbeth
14	What reason does Macbeth give the guests for murdering King Duncan's guards?		Who can be loyal and neutral at the same time?
15	To which two countries do the royal princes Malcolm and Donalbain flee?		England and Ireland, respectively.
16	What strange solar event occurs shortly after the regicide of Duncan?		A solar eclipse
17	Who is now blamed for the murder of Duncan?		Malcolm and Donalbain
18	Where has Macbeth gone, and why?		Scone, for coronation
19	Where does Macduff go?		Home to Fife
20	What does Macduff's refusal to attend suggest to the audience?		His mistrust and disapproval of Macbeth

Now complete one of the following activities in full sentences:

Write a detailed summary of what happens in Act Two without looking in your books.

OR "There are good reasons why the regicide of Duncan occurs off-stage." Do you agree? Explain your ideas.

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1	Which character admits in a soliloquy that he fears Macbeth "played'st most foully"?		Banquo
2	What event does Macbeth tell Banquo he must not miss?		The feast
3	How do Banquo and Fleance "fill up the time" in the afternoon and evening?		They go horse-riding
4	Complete the quotation: "Our _____ in Banquo stick _____."		fears ; deep
5	What are the missing words?: "Upon my head they placed a _____ crown and put a _____ sceptre in my gripe."		fruitless ; barren
6	Which character admits in an aside: "Nought's had, all's spent, where our desire is got without content" ?		Lady Macbeth
7	What creature does Macbeth claim his mind is "full of" ?		Scorpions
8	Fill in the missing words: "Be _____ of the knowledge, dearest chuck, till thou _____ the deed."		Innocent ; applaud
9	What did one murderer do wrong, which helped Fleance to escape?		Put out the light
10	List any two details given to Macbeth about Banquo's murder.		Throat cut; safe in a ditch; 20 gashed to his head
11	What is sitting in Macbeth's seat at the table?		The ghost of Banquo
12	Lady Macbeth chastises her husband, saying: "When all is said and done, you _____ but on a _____."		Look ; stool
13	How does Lady Macbeth explain her husband's strange behaviour to the guests?		An illness he has had since his youth
14	Which character instructs the guests to leave the feast?		Lady Macbeth
15	Who do the guests imagine Macbeth is being haunted by?		Duncan
16	Where does Macbeth resolve to go the next day?		To the 'weird sisters'
17	Fill in the missing words: "I am in _____ stepped in so far, that should I _____ no more, _____ were as tedious as go o'er."		Blood ; wade ; returning
18	Why is Hecate angry with the witches?		For meddling with Macbeth
19	Where has Macduff fled?		To England
20	Why has he gone there?		To meet Malcolm

Now complete one of the following activities in full sentences:

Write a detailed summary of what happens in Act Three without looking in your books.

OR "It's important that an audience does not see the ghost of Banquo." Do you agree? Explain your ideas.

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1	Fill in the missing words, spoken by a witch: "By the pricking of my _____, something _____ this way comes."		thumbs ; wicked
2	Does Macbeth hear his future from the witches' mouths "or from our masters"?		From their masters' mouths.
3	What does the first apparition look like?		A head wearing armour.
4	What does the first apparition warn Macbeth?		Beware Macduff.
5	What does the second apparition look like?		A blood-spattered baby.
6	What does the second apparition tell Macbeth?		No man born of woman can harm Macbeth
7	What does the third apparition look like?		A child wearing a crown, holding a tree branch
8	What does the third apparition tell Macbeth?		Macbeth will remain undefeated until Birnam Wood moves
9	Does Macbeth feel invincible or vulnerable after hearing these prophecies? Choose and write down the correct word.		Invincible. All men born of women and trees do not move.
10	What is the final thing the witches show Macbeth before they vanish?		Banquo's line of kings
11	Hearing that Macduff has fled to England, how does Macbeth choose to punish him?		Kill his wife and kids
12	Why does Lady Macduff tell her son that her husband is a "traitor"?		For abandoning them
13	What news does Macduff receive while he is in England?		His wife and all his children are dead
14	Fill in Macduff's missing words: "What? All my pretty _____ and their dam in one fell _____."		chickens ; swoop
15	Apart from Macbeth, who does Macduff blame for the deaths of his wife and children?		He blames himself; his flight left them vulnerable
16	When told he must "dispute it like a man" Macduff says that first he must "feel it like a man." What does he mean?		He must cry and grieve before seeking revenge
17	What does Macduff now resolve to do?		To kill Macbeth

Now complete one of the following activities in full sentences:

Write a detailed summary of what happens in Act Four without looking in your books.

OR "Macduff is partly responsible for his family's deaths. He should not have abandoned them!" Do you agree? Explain your ideas.

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1	For how many nights has the Doctor observed Lady Macbeth?		Two
2	List three things the Gentlewoman says she has observed Lady Macbeth doing while sleepwalking.		Open her strong box; take paper; write on it; read it; fold it; return it
3	What is Lady Macbeth carrying when she enters the stage sleepwalking?		A taper or a candle
4	Whose murders does Lady Macbeth mention while talking in her sleep?		Duncan, Lady Macduff and Banquo
5	Supply the missing words: "Out, _____, out I say!"		damned spot
6	All the perfumes from which country will not sweeten the stench of blood on Lady Macbeth's hand?		Arabia
7	The doctor states: "More needs she the divine than the physician." What does he mean?		Only God can forgive sin. The doctor cannot cure her of sin.
8	How does the English army disguise its size as it prepares to advance on Macbeth's castle?		They hue down branches of trees
9	Which apparition foretold this event? The first, the second or the third?		The third
10	What is the name of the character who helps Macbeth to put on his armour?		Seyton
11	Which biblical character's name is this name a deliberate echo of?		Satan
12	Why is there a sound of women crying within Macbeth's castle?		They weep over the dead body of Lady Macbeth
13	Fill in the missing words: "Out, _____, brief _____."		out ; candle
14	What does the scout (lookout) then report to Macbeth?		The wood began to move
15	Complete the quotation: "I bear a _____ life which must not yield to one of _____ born."		charmed ; woman
16	What does Macduff reveal at this moment?		He was from his mother's womb "untimely ripp'd."
17	Fill in the missing words, spoken by Malcolm: "This dead _____ and his _____ - like queen."		butcher ; fiend

Now complete one of the following activities in full sentences:

Write a detailed summary of what happens in Act Five without looking in your books.

OR "The audience does not pity Lady Macbeth. She gets what she deserves!" Do you agree? Explain your ideas.