

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?		
2	Where do the witches say that they shall meet Macbeth?		
3	What is the name of the "villainous arch rebel" who Macbeth kills in battle?		
4	Who is the traitorous thane whom King Duncan sentences to death?		
5	Why does Duncan bestow this title upon Macbeth?		
6	List two details about the unusual appearance of the weird sisters.		
7	By what two titles do the witches greet Macbeth which he does not yet hold?		
8	What is the missing word: "_____ than Macbeth, and greater" ?		
9	What news does Macbeth receive shortly after the witches vanish into the air?		
10	Who issues this warning to Macbeth: "To win us to our harm, the instruments of darkness tell us truths" ?		
11	Who does King Duncan pronounce as his heir to the throne of Scotland?		
12	By what title is this person to be known?		
13	Fill in the missing words: "_____ hide your _____. Let not light see my _____ and _____ desires."		
14	What is Lady Macbeth reading when she first appears on stage?		
15	Supply the missing words: "Look like the innocent _____ but be the _____ under't."		
16	What does Lady Macbeth say she will do to the drinks of Duncan's grooms?		
17	List two reasons why Macbeth says he will "proceed no further in this business."		
18	How is Duncan to be murdered?		
19	Who will be blamed for the regicide?		
20	Who is the more dominant partner at this point in the play?		

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?		
2	What does Macbeth claim he can see just before he goes to commit regicide?		
3	Complete the quotation: "Is this a _____ I see before me, the _____ toward my _____? Come, let me _____ thee."		
4	What noise does Macbeth say "invites" him to commit regicide on the unguarded king?		
5	Who does Lady Macbeth claim King Duncan resembled "as he slept"?		
6	What impact does this have on her role in the regicide?		
7	With what does Macbeth mistakenly return to his own chamber?		
8	Complete the quotation: "_____ of purpose. Give me the _____."		
9	What does Macbeth claim to have heard after killing Duncan?		
10	What did it say Macbeth would no longer be able to do?		
11	What sound effect causes tension to rise dramatically at the end of Act 2 scene 2?		
12	Which thane does the porter greet?		
13	Which character says it was a "rough night"?		
14	What reason does Macbeth give the guests for murdering King Duncan's guards?		
15	To which two countries do the royal princes Malcolm and Donalbain flee?		
16	What strange solar event occurs shortly after the regicide of Duncan?		
17	Who is now blamed for the murder of Duncan?		
18	Where has Macbeth gone, and why?		
19	Where does Macduff go?		
20	What does Macduff's refusal to attend suggest to the audience?		

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 "playèd'st most foully"?		
2	What event does Macbeth tell Banquo he must not miss?		
3	How do Banquo and Fleance "fill up the time" in the afternoon and evening?		
4	Complete the quotation: "Our _____ in Banquo stick _____."		
5	What are the missing words?: "Upon my head they placed a _____ crown and put a _____ sceptre in my gripe."		
6	Which character admits in an aside: "Nought's had, all's spent, where our desire is got without content" ?		
7	What creature does Macbeth claim his mind is "full of" ?		
8	Fill in the missing words: "Be _____ of the knowledge, dearest chuck, till thou _____ the deed."		
9	What did one murderer do wrong, which helped Fleance to escape?		
10	List any two details given to Macbeth about Banquo's murder.		
11	What is sitting in Macbeth's seat at the table?		
12	Lady Macbeth chastises her husband, saying: "When all is said and done, you _____ but on a _____."		
13	How does Lady Macbeth explain her husband's strange behaviour to the guests?		
14	Which character instructs the guests to leave the feast?		
15	Who do the guests imagine Macbeth is being haunted by?		
16	Where does Macbeth resolve to go the next day?		
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."		
18	Why is Hecate angry with the witches?		
19	Where has Macduff fled?		
20	Why has he gone there?		

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 the 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."		
2	Does Macbeth hear his future from the witches' mouths "or from our masters"?		
3	What does the first apparition look like?		
4	What does the first apparition warn Macbeth?		
5	What does the second apparition look like?		
6	What does the second apparition tell Macbeth?		
7	What does the third apparition look like?		
8	What does the third apparition tell Macbeth?		
9	Does Macbeth feel invincible or vulnerable after hearing these prophecies? Choose and write down the correct word.		
10	What is the final thing the witches show Macbeth before they vanish?		
11	Hearing that Macduff has fled to England, how does Macbeth choose to punish him?		
12	Why does Lady Macduff tell her son that her husband is a "traitor"?		
13	What news does Macduff receive while he is in England?		
14	Fill in Macduff's missing words: "What? All my pretty _____ and their dam in one fell _____."		
15	Apart from Macbeth, who does Macduff blame for the deaths of his wife and children?		
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?		
17	What does Macduff now resolve to do?		

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?		
2	List three things the Gentlewoman says she has observed Lady Macbeth doing while sleepwalking.		
3	What is Lady Macbeth carrying when she enters the stage sleepwalking?		
4	Whose murders does Lady Macbeth mention while talking in her sleep?		
5	Supply the missing words: "Out, _____, out I say!"		
6	All the perfumes from which country will not sweeten the stench of blood on Lady Macbeth's hand?		
7	The doctor states: "More needs she the divine than the physician." What does he mean?		
8	How does the English army disguise its size as it prepares to advance on Macbeth's castle?		
9	Which apparition foretold this event? The first, the second or the third?		
10	What is the name of the character who helps Macbeth to put on his armour?		
11	Which biblical character's name is this name a deliberate echo of?		
12	Why is there a sound of women crying within Macbeth's castle?		
13	Fill in the missing words: "Out, _____, brief _____."		
14	What does the scout (lookout) then report to Macbeth?		
15	Complete the quotation: "I bear a _____ life which must not yield to one of _____ born."		
16	What does Macduff reveal at this moment?		
17	Fill in the missing words, spoken by Malcolm: "This dead _____, and his _____ - like queen."		

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.

