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### Key quotes

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| **Beginning** | 1) **Lady Macbeth:** “Come, you spirits... Unsex me here” (Act 1.5)  
2) **Macbeth:** Stars, hide your fires/Let not light see my black and deep desires (Act 1.4)  
3) **Macbeth:** “Is this a dagger I see before me? The handle towards my hand” (Act 2.1)  
4) **Lady Macbeth:** “My hands are of your colour but I shame to wear a heart so white” (Act 2.2) |
| **Middle** | 1) **Macbeth:** “To be thus is nothing but to be safely thus” (Act 3.1)  
2) **Macbeth:** “Full of scorpions is my mind dear wife” (Act 3.2)  
3) **Macbeth:** Be innocent of the knowledge, dearest chuck (Act 3.2)  
4) **Macbeth:** “Blood will have blood” (Act 3.4) |
| **End** | 1) **Malcolm:** “This tyrant whose sole name blisters our tongue was once thought honest” (Act 4.3)  
2) **Lady Macbeth:** “All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand” (Act 5.1)  
3) **Macbeth:** Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player (Act 5.5)  
4) **Macbeth:** I bear a charmed life (Act 5.8) |

### Plot tracking

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| Act 1 | M and Banquo meet witches,  
Cawdor executed, Lady M reads  
letter, taunts M, Duncan arrives |
| Act 2 | M kills Duncan, Malcolm flees,  
M crowned |
| Act 3 | Banquo suspects M, murder of  
B, Fleance escapes, M haunted  
by B’s ghost at a banquet |
| Act 4 | Witches show M future kings –  
sons of Banquo, Macduff’s  
family murdered, Malcolm says  
his dishonest to test  
Macduff’s loyalty |
| Act 5 | Lady M sleepwalks, dies,  
Macduff kills M, Malcolm restored as King |

### Characters

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| **Lady Macbeth** | Defies expectations, strong and ambitious, but  
goes mad |
| **Witches** | Supernatural beings, prophesy; could represent  
conscience |
| **Banquo** | M’s friend, sons prophesied to rule, killed and  
returns as ghost |
| **Duncan** | Good king, praises M at start; murdered in Act 2 |
| **Macduff** | Wife and children killed; kills M; born by  
caesarian |
| **Malcolm** | Heir to throne, good man, finally crowned |

### Context / Intertextuality

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| **Political, philosophical and historical context:**  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/higher/english/macbeth/background/revision/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/higher/english/macbeth/background/revision/1/) |

### Themes

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<td><strong>Supernatural</strong></td>
<td>Witches; ghosts; prophecies</td>
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<td><strong>Violence</strong></td>
<td>Many battles throughout the play</td>
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| **Nature** | Surely, some events could have played out  
naturally... |
| **Light and dark** | Everything murderous happens under the  
blanket of darkness |

### Others

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### Questions

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| Did Lady Macbeth and Macbeth lose a child?  
Sleep and Dreams  
What’s appearance and what’s reality? |   |
Key word tasks
1. Learn the definition of each word.
2. Learn how to spell each word.
3. Use each word accurately in a sentence.
4. Write 5 sentences about the literacy topic, using these words.

Key quotes

Memorise your answers

Beginning:
1. How does the quote show Lady M is unnatural?
2. How does the quote show Macbeth plotting his crime?
3. How does the quote show hallucination?
4. How does the quote show that Lady M is braver?

Middle:
1. How does the quote show Macbeth is paranoid?
2. How does the quote show Macbeth is guilty?
3. How does the quote show that Macbeth is hiding information?
4. How does the quote show a cyclical nature of events?

End:
1. How does the quote show that Macbeth is a tragic hero?
2. How does the quote show Lady M’s guilt and anxiety?
3. How does the quote show Macbeth’s existential crisis?
4. How does the quote show a betrayal of prophesy?

Plot tracking

Memorise your answers
1. Write a 5 line paragraph, in your own words, summarising each act.
2. Prepare a 5 box BRIEF story board of the events from the whole play. You will need to be able to produce this from memory in ten minutes.
3. Watch this clip: https://www.cliffsnotes.com/literature/m/macbeth/play-summary and memorise the three main things ‘you should know about this play’
4. In your opinion, what’s the most important Act in Macbeth? Why?
5. If you could write an additional Act or Scene, what would be included and why?

Characters

Memorise your answers
1. Write a 5 line paragraph about three characters.
2. Pick three characters and explain how they are linked and how they influence one another’s fate / destiny.

Context / intertextuality

Memorise your answers
1. Visit the context website and research three facts about the historical context of Macbeth.
2. Visit the context website and research three facts about the philosophical context of Macbeth.
3. Visit the context website and research three facts about the political context of Macbeth.
4. Research the modern ‘tragic heroes’ website. How are they tragic heroes and how are they similar or different to Macbeth? Explain.
5. Come up with three more tragic heroes of your own and explain how they meet the criteria.

Themes

Memorise your answers

Fate and free will
Is the action pre decided? Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.

Ambition
The Macbeths’ ambition drives the play. Agree or disagree? Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.

Appearance and reality
People and events are not always as they seem. Agree or disagree? Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.

Nature
Surely, some events could have played out naturally… Agree or disagree? Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.

Children
Did Lady Macbeth and Macbeth lose a child? Find evidence for or against. Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.

Sleep and Dreams
What’s appearance and what’s reality? Find evidence. Write a 5 line paragraph in answer to this question.