

Act V, Scene I

“What’s done cannot be undone.”

Vocabulary Help:

On ‘s – of his

Meet - Suitable

Answer:

1. Why is the opening dialogue in prose?
2. What’s going on with Lady Macbeth? How does Lady Macbeth’s behavior affect the way the audience sees her?
3. To whom is the doctor speaking in lines 46-47? What does he mean?
4. How is the “gentlewoman” characterized? What evidence are we provided of her loyalty and devotion to her mistress?
5. What does the doctor mean when he says, **“Infected minds to their pillows will discharge their secrets”**? What does the doctor mean by **“I think, but dare not speak”**?

Medical Assessment for Lady Macbeth



In this exercise, you are going to be the Doctor creating a medical assessment on Lady Macbeth regarding her sleepwalking episodes.

Read each part of the directions and answer accordingly.

Subject: _____

Summarize who you are examining and make notes regarding her personality, her current behavior and how that behavior has changed in anyway, her appearance, and her mental stability.

List any and all symptoms she seems to be suffering from using quotations from the text to back up your findings. Be specific and use your critical thinking skills to determine if it is just here say or actual medical symptoms.

Using your medical expertise (and Dr. Google), speculate what could be causing your patient's symptoms.

Based on your visit with your patient, the interview you conducted with her servant, and after carefully reviewing her file, what is your diagnosis?

Once you have diagnosed her malady, what recommendations can you make to help ease her symptoms and suffering? Note: You may use current drugs and medical terms.

Act V, Scene II, Scene III, and Scene IV

“NOW DOES HE FEEL HIS SECRET MURDERS STICKING ON HIS HANDS.”

Vocabulary Help:

Pow'r – army

Loon – fool

Bane - destruction

Define:

Valiant () _____

Distempered () _____

Minutely () _____

Perilous () _____

Pristine () _____

Distempered () _____

Answer:

1. Explain Angus' meaning in Lines 17-22. How does line 23 relate to King Duncan's kingship?

2. Based on Macbeth's treatment of the servant, what is his state of mind as this scene opens? Does this belie the confidence he states in the witches' prophesy?

3. What is the effect of Macbeth's insistence on having his armor, even when told it is not yet needed? What other things does Macbeth say or do that add to this effect?

4. How does Macbeth show concern for his wife's mental state?

5. What does the doctor mean in lines 63-64?

6. Why does Malcolm order his soldiers to cut boughs from the trees of Birnam Wood?

Act V, Scene V, Scene VI, and Scene VII

“I HAVE ALMOST FORGOT THE TASTE OF FEARS.”

Vocabulary Help:

Methought – I thought

Avouches – asserts

Rend’red - surrendered

Define:

Dismal () _____

Equivocation () _____

Clamorous () _____

Harbinger () _____

Answer:

1. Macbeth claims that he has **“almost forgot the taste of fears.”** What reason does he give for being able to say so? Is this a convincing claim? Give reasons for your answers.
2. What does Macbeth mean when he says, of his wife’s death, **“She should have died hereafter, there would have been time for such a word”**?
3. Perhaps the most famous speech in the play is one that begins with **“Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.”** In your own words, summarize the main points that Macbeth makes in his speech.
4. Explain Macbeth’s brief exclamation in line 35.

5. When Macbeth fights Young Siward is he confident in the outcome? Why is this? Is he right to be so confident?

6. Explain Macduff's meaning in lines 19-28.

7. What information is conveyed in the conversation between Siward and Malcom in lines 23- 31?

Act V, Scene VIII

“my soul is too much charged with blood of crime already.”

Vocabulary Help:

O’ th’ time – of the age

Define:

Vulnerable () _____

Prowess () _____

Usurper () _____

Answer:

1. What is the allusion in lines 1-2?
2. How does Macbeth feel about fighting Macduff?
3. Explain Macbeth’s meaning in lines 9-13. How does Macduff respond?
4. What does Macbeth mean in lines 17-22? Who are the “**juggling fiends**”? What does “**palter with us in a double sense**” mean? In short, what has he just figured out?
5. What is the tone of Macbeth’s lines 32-39?

6. How does Old Siward feel about the death of his son?

7. How does Malcolm refer to Macbeth and his wife? Re-write this quote below. What does Malcolm say happened to Lady Macbeth, lines 70-71?

Act V Review



Describe how each of the apparitions' predictions came true in Act V.

First Apparition: _____

Second Apparition: _____

Third Apparition: _____

Just before each prediction comes true, Macbeth realizes that it is accurate and that he cannot escape his fate. How does he cope with these realizations?

Should Macbeth have grieved a little more for his dead wife? Explain.

Does Macbeth make his fate more painful by demanding that the witches tell him his future? Explain why or why not.

Directions: Imagine that your husband or wife – someone you love and trust – tries to talk you into harming a friend or family member in order to reach one of your personal goals....a goal that would change your life tremendously, provide you with money and power, and one that would benefit your husband or wife as well. What would you do? How would you handle the situation? If you went through with it, what prices might you have to pay? And what consequences might you face for not going through with the plan? Outline your thought process in the graph below. This should be your own individual reactions and thoughts, not based on Macbeth's choices.

