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**Macbeth**

**Study Questions**

**Acts I&II**

***Use your books and notes, please do not use your neighbors. Answer in complete sentences.***

**Act I**

1. What are the witches planning at the beginning of the act?
2. What does the Captain report about the battle to Duncan?
3. What title is given to Macbeth for bravery in the battle?
4. What happened to the original Thane of Cawdor and why did he lose his title?
5. How do the witches greet Macbeth after the battle?
6. What do the witches mean when they say ‘lesser than Macbeth, and greater. Not so happy, yet much happier. Thou shalt get kings, thou be none’?
7. What news is brought by Angus and Ross?
8. What causes Macbeth to second guess the witch’s prophecy about him becoming king?
9. Explain Lady Macbeth’s ‘unsex me’ scene
10. Explain Lady Macbeth’s plan for Duncan
11. Why is Lady Macbeth so confident that the plan will work?

**Act II**

1. What does Macbeth ask of Banquo at the beginning of Act II?
2. Explain Macbeth’s soliloquy - “Is this a dagger I see before me?”
3. How guilty does Macbeth feel after committing the murder? How do we know he feels guilty?
4. What does Macbeth with the knocking could do?
5. Who finds Duncan’s body and what is their reaction?
6. How does Macbeth explain the murdered guards?
7. What is Lady Macbeth’s public reaction to Duncan’s death? How is it different from her private reaction?
8. Explain this line: “God’s benison go with you, and with those that would make good of bad, and friends of foes!”
9. Why do Malcolm and Donalbain leave?
10. What do you predict will happen in Act III?