



## **Who's Who?**

Getting to know the characters in *Macbeth*



## Explore the characters in Shakespeare's bloody tragedy:

- What do you imagine each character to be like?
- Annotate each page with your thoughts
- Justify your ideas using the quotes on each page
- You can also bring in additional references to the text

## Prompts for you to think about:

- Which TV or film character do you think this person would be?
- What animal would they be?
- What famous person reminds you of this character?
- If they were a colour, what colour do you think would suit them best?

**“Will all great Neptune’s ocean wash  
this blood clean from my hand?”**

- Macbeth

*Act II, scene 2*

**"For brave Macbeth..."**

- Captain

*Act I, scene 2*

**"I dare do all that may become  
a man..."**

- Macbeth

*Act I, scene 7*

**Who is  
Macbeth?**

**“Turn Hell-hound, turn!**

- Macduff

*Act V, scene 8*

**"Bring thou this fiend of Scotland..."**

- Macduff

*Act IV, scene 3*

**"Distaining Fortune, with his brandished steel,  
Which smoked with bloody execution..."**

- Captain

*Act I, scene 2*

"Come, you Spirits That tend on mortal thoughts,  
unsex me here, And fill me, from the crown to the  
toe, top-full Of direst cruelty!"

- Lady Macbeth

*Act I, scene 5*

"My hands are of your colour, but I  
shame to wear a heart so white."

- Lady Macbeth

*Act II scene 3*

"Yet who would have thought  
the old man to have had so  
much blood in him?"

- Lady Macbeth

*Act V, scene 1*

**Who is  
Lady Macbeth?**

"...fiend-like Queen..."

- Malcolm

*Act V, scene 9*

"...my dearest partner of greatness..."

- Macbeth (in a letter to Lady Macbeth)

*Act I, scene 5*

"Nought's had, all's spent, where our desire is got without content.

- Lady Macbeth

*Act III, scene 2*

"I am not treacherous."

- Macduff

*Act IV, scene 3*

"I would not be the villain thy think'st..."

- Macduff

*Act IV, scene 3*

"...the good Macduff..."

- Ross

*Act II, scene 4*

"I have no words; My voice is  
in my sword..."

- Macduff

*Act V, scene 8*

## Who is Macduff?

"Macduff, this noble passion, Child  
of integrity, hath from my soul,  
Wiped the black scruples, reconciled  
my thoughts To thy good truth and  
honour.

- Malcolm

*Act IV, scene 3*

"But I must also feel it as a man..."

- Macduff

*Act IV, scene 3*

"Tyrant, show thy face! If thou beest  
slain and with no stroke of mine, My  
wife and children's ghosts will haunt  
me still."

- Macduff

*Act V, scene 7*

"Lesser than Macbeth, and greater."

- The Witches

*Act I, scene 3*

"True, worthy Banquo: he is full so  
valiant, And in his commendations I  
am fed."

- Duncan

*Act I, scene 4*

"Noble Banquo, That hast no less  
deserved, nor must be known No  
less to have so..."

- Duncan

*Act I, scene 4*

## Who is Banquo?

"Speak to me then, who neither beg  
nor fear, Your Favours or your hate."

- Banquo

*Act I, scene 3*

"He hath a wisdom that doth guide  
his valour To act in safety. There is  
none but he Whose being I do fear..."

- Macbeth

*Act III, scene 1*

"Hence, horrible shadow!"

- Macbeth

*Act III, scene 4*

"The instruments of Darkness tell us truths;  
Win us with honest trifles, to betray us In  
deepest consequence."

- Banquo  
*Act I, scene 3*

"The Weyward Sisters, hand  
in hand, posters of the sea and  
land..."

- The Witches  
*Act I, scene 3*

## Who are The Witches?

"By the pricking of my thumbs,  
something wicked this way  
comes..."

- The Witches  
*Act IV, scene 1*

"What are these, So withered, and so  
wild in their attire, That look not like  
th'inhabitants o'th'earth, And yet are  
on't?"

- Macbeth  
*Act I, scene 3*

"How now, you secret, black  
and midnight hags?"

- Macbeth  
*Act IV, scene 1*

"There's no art To find the mind's  
construction in the face..."

- Duncan  
*Act I, scene 4*

"Thy royal father Was a most sainted  
King..."

- Macduff  
*Act IV, scene 3*

## Who is Duncan?

"I have begun to plant thee, and  
will labour To make thee full of  
growing." - Duncan

*Act I, scene 4*

"Besides, this Duncan Hath borne his faculties so  
meek, hath been so clear in his great office, that is  
virtues Will plead like angels..."

- Macbeth  
*Act I, scene 7*



"Our country sinks beneath the yolk. It weeps,  
it bleeds, and each new day a gash is added to  
her wounds."

- Malcolm

*Act IV, scene 3*

"What I am truly, Is thine, and  
my poor country's to command."

- Malcolm

*Act IV, scene 3*

## Who is Malcolm?

"What I believe, I'll wail; What know,  
believe; and what I can redress, As I  
shall find the time to friend, I will."

- Malcolm

*Act IV, scene 3*

"Let not my jealousies be your  
dishonours, But mine own safeties..."

- Malcolm

*Act IV, scene 3*

"Our eldest, Malcolm, whom we name hereafter 'The Prince of  
Cumberland': which honour must Not unaccompanied invest him  
only, but signs of nobleness, like stars, shall shine On all deservers."

- Duncan

*Act I, scene 4*

"Wither should I fly? I have  
done no harm."

- Lady Macduff  
*Act IV, scene 2*

"When our actions do not, Our  
fears do make us traitors."

-Lady Macduff  
*Act IV, scene 2*

**Who is  
Lady Macduff?**

"My pretty cousin, Blessing  
upon you!"

- Ross  
*Act IV, scene 2*

"Wisdom? To leave his wife, to leave his babes,  
His mansion and his titles, in a place From  
whence himself does fly? He loves us not..."

- Lady Macduff  
*Act IV, scene 2*