

***Macbeth***  
**Guided Reading Questions**  
**Act Four**

As we read Act Four of *Macbeth*, please answer the following questions completely to help with a better understanding of the play. You may be asked at a later date to provide these answers again!

1. What prophesy does the first apparition give to Macbeth? (Scene 1)
  
2. What prophesy does the second apparition give to Macbeth? (Scene 1)
  
3. What prophesy does the third apparition give to Macbeth? (Scene 1)
  
4. How do these apparitions build up Macbeth's feelings of security? (Scene 1)
  
5. What is the fourth apparition that the witches do not want to show Macbeth and what does it ultimately show Macbeth? How does this put a damper on his former feelings of security?
  
6. What does Macbeth mean when he says of himself: "From this moment/The very firstlings of my heart shall be/The firstlings of my hand."? How has he changed since the beginning of the play? (Scene 1)
  
7. What is Macbeth's plan for punishing Macduff's disloyalty? What would be the motive for his plan? (Scene 1)
  
8. How does Lady Macduff feel about her husband leaving his wife and children to go to England? Why does she think he has "fled" to England? (Scene 2)
  
9. What is the first reason Malcolm gives Macduff for why he wouldn't be a good king?
  
10. What is the second reason Malcolm gives for why he wouldn't be a good king?
  
11. Why is Malcolm giving all of these reasons for not being a good king to Macduff? For what purpose?
  
12. What does Malcolm urge Macduff turn his grief over the loss of his family into?