

Macbeth
Guided Reading Questions
Act Five

As you read along with *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 do the doctor and gentlewoman (her servant) see Lady Macbeth doing? What do her actions reveal about her?(Scene 1)
2. What does the gentlewoman (her servant) refuse to do? (Scene 1)
3. What is the doctor worried about Lady Macbeth doing? (Scene 1)
4. Who, in Scene 2, is approaching Birnam Wood to meet with Angus and his men? (Scene 2)
5. While this army is amassing in Birnam Wood, what is Macbeth doing? (Scene 2)
6. What does Angus say is the feelings of the people who are still in Macbeth's army? (Scene 2)
7. What is happening to all the thanes that were supposedly on Macbeth's side? (Scene 3)
8. Why is Macbeth not afraid of Malcolm? (Scene 3)
9. Macbeth confirms at the end of Scene 3 that he will not be afraid until when? (Scene 3)
10. What does Malcolm tell his soldiers to do once they get into Birnam Wood? (Scene 4).
11. What news does Seyton give to Macbeth? (Scene 5)
12. Carefully read Macbeth's soliloquy in Scene 5. In your own words, what is he lamenting about in this soliloquy? (Scene 5)
13. What news does the messenger bring to Macbeth? (Scene 5)
14. Does this scene (Scene 5) arouse the audience's sympathy for Macbeth? Why or why not? (Scene 5)
15. At the beginning of Scene 7, Macbeth says: "They have tied me to a stake. I cannot fly,/But, bear-like, I must fight the course. What's he/That was not born of a woman? Such a one/Am I to fear, or none." Based on this speech, what does Macbeth still have faith in? (Scene 7)
16. What reason does Macbeth give for not wanting to fight Macduff? (Scene 8)
17. After Macbeth tells Macduff that he can't be killed by any man born from a woman, what does Macduff tell him? (Scene 8)
18. What does Macduff deliver to Malcolm? (Scene 8)