

Macbeth
Guided Reading Questions
Act Two

As you read *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. Banquo admits that he has been having trouble doing something lately. What is this something? Why do you think he is having so much trouble doing it? (Scene 1)**
- 2. What evidence is there that Banquo is suspicious of Macbeth? (Scene 1)**
- 3. How do you explain Macbeth's soliloquy in Scene 1? Why might he be having hallucinations of seeing a bloody dagger before him? How do you think the movie adaptations stage this scene?**
- 4. Lady Macbeth says that she would have killed the sleeping King Duncan except for one factor. What is this factor that prevents her from killing the king? (Scene 2)**
- 5. Why does Lady Macbeth have to go back and plant the bloody daggers on the guards? (Scene 2)**
- 6. What does Macbeth say at the end of Scene 2 that indicates that he regrets killing Duncan?**
- 7. What is the purpose of the Porter scene? (Scene 3)**
- 8. Lennox talks about the weather in Scene 3. Briefly summarize what he says in his description. How is his description very appropriate to the events of the night?**
- 9. Why Macbeth kill the guards that allegedly murdered King Duncan? What excuse does he give to the crowd for killing them? (Scene 3)**
- 10. Why do Malcolm and Donalbain flee Macbeth's castle without telling anyone?**
- 11. Who become suspects of Duncan's murder? What evidence is there against them? What motive would there be to murder Duncan? (Scene 4)**
- 12. Macduff refuses to go to Scone to see Macbeth crowned. What reasons do you think he has for his decision? (Scene 4)**