

Macbeth - Study Questions - Act 3 - Use these as a study guide!

Act 3, scene 1

1. Cite the lines for Macbeth's soliloquy using proper citation format. _____.
2. In this soliloquy, Macbeth reveals something about the witches' prophecy (concerning Banquo) that has him concerned. What is it?

3. Who is the "them" that Macbeth refers to when he says, "For them, the gracious Duncan have I murder'd." (3.1.65)

4. With whom does Macbeth begin speaking in line 3.1.74? _____
5. Is this their first meeting? Yes No How do you know?

6. Besides Banquo, who does Macbeth require that the murderer kill? _____

Act 3, scene 2

7. Explain in your own words what Lady Macbeth means in lines (3.2.11-12).

8. Does Lady Macbeth know what Macbeth planned for Banquo and Fleance? Yes No How do you know?

Act 3, scene 3

9. Who unexpectedly shows up? _____
10. Who might this person actually be? _____
11. What happens to Banquo? _____
12. What happens to Fleance? _____

Act 3, scene 4

13. Based on lines 19-24, what is Macbeth's reaction to the news that Fleance has escaped?

14. In line 28, "Grown serpent" is a metaphor for _____. "Worm" is a metaphor for _____.

15. Who mysteriously enters the banquet and sits in Macbeth's place? _____.

16. What is the first odd behavior that Macbeth's guests see in him? (3.4.45-46)

17. How does Macbeth react to seeing Banquo's ghost? _____

18. In your own words, explain the excuse that Lady Macbeth gives for Macbeth's behavior. (3.4.52-57).

19. In your own words, explain what Lady Macbeth says to Macbeth to get him to get control of himself. (3.4.59-66).

20. What does Lady Macbeth mean when she says, "You have displaced the mirth." (3.4.107)

21. What does Lady Macbeth tell the guests that they should/should not do? (3.4.116-117)

Act 3, scene 5

22. Read lines 2-9. Why is Hecate angry?

23. What does Hecate mean by each of the following:

A. "He shall spurn fate"

B. "scorn death:"

C. "bear / His hopes 'bove wisdom, grace, and fear."

Act 3, scene 6

24. Is Lennox suspicious of Macbeth? Yes No

25. Based on lines 24-29, what has become of Malcolm?

26. Where has Macduff gone? _____

27. What is Macduff doing there?

28. Whom has Macduff refused to see? _____