

Macbeth

Act III Study Guide

Scene 1:

1. What has Macbeth invited Banquo to do?
2. Where will Banquo be between now and this evening?
3. What does Macbeth say has been learned of Malcolm and Donalbain?
4. Macbeth says, "For them the gracious Duncan have I murdered." Who is he talking about? What is bothering Macbeth in this soliloquy?
5. What do the murderers say about their own lives and their willingness to do what Macbeth wants them to do?
6. Besides Banquo, who else does Macbeth want dead?

Scene 2:

1. Lady Macbeth voices concern about getting what one desires but not being "content." What does she say is "safer" to be?

2. How does Macbeth instruct Lady Macbeth to act toward Banquo? What type of irony is this?

3. What does Lady Macbeth say that provides comfort to Macbeth?

Scene 3:

1. The murderers are about a mile away from the palace gate. What do most men usually do from this place?

2. How successful were the murderers?

Scene 4:

1. What is happening at the beginning of this scene?

2. What does Macbeth mean when says, "There the serpent lies. The worm that's fled / Hath nature that in time will venom breed, / no teeth for th' present"?

3. Macbeth says, "Which of you have done this?" What is Macbeth looking at when he says this?

4. What does Lady Macbeth say is the problem?

5. Lady Macbeth tells the lords not to do what because it enrages Macbeth in these fits?

6. What behavior of Macduff does Macbeth find unnerving?

7. Macbeth says, "There's not a one of them but in his house I keep a servant fee'd." What does this mean?

8. Who does Macbeth say he will go visit?

Scene 5:

1. What does Hecate accuse the Weird Sisters of?

2. What does Hecate say she will spend the night planning?

3. What does Hecate say is mortal's worst enemy?

Scene 6:

1. What are Lennox's thoughts on what has been happening in Scotland?

2. What does Lennox say he has heard about Macduff?

3. According to the Lord, where is Macduff?