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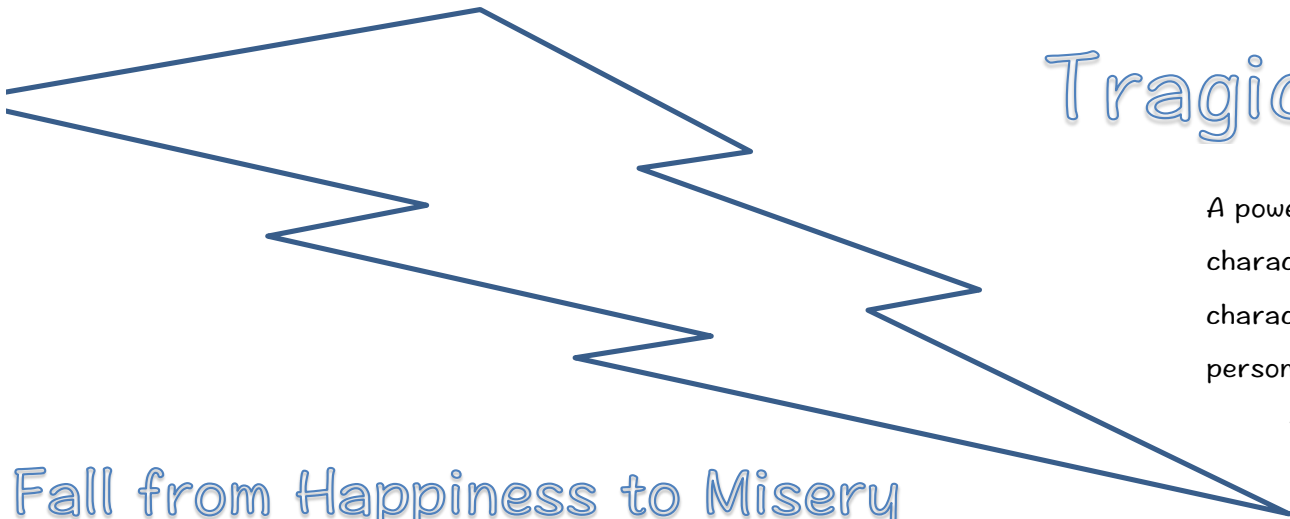
What is a Tragedy?

Directions: At first glance, it may seem as if *Macbeth* cannot really be a tragedy, since Macbeth seems far from noble very early on in the play. Use the characteristics of a tragedy to analyze the extent to which Macbeth can be seen as a tragic hero.



Hero

A person who is way above average in almost every way.



Tragic Flaw

A powerful negative characteristic in the character's personality (often HUBRIS).

Fall from Happiness to Misery



Hero's descent from success at the beginning to great suffering and often death in the end.

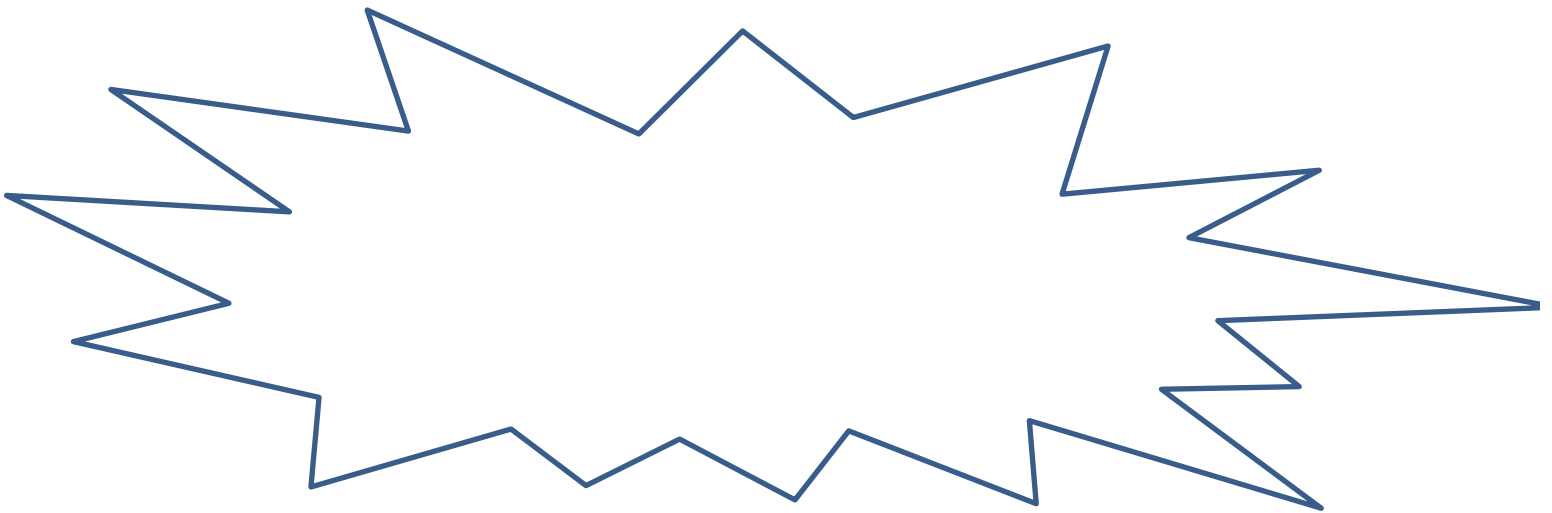
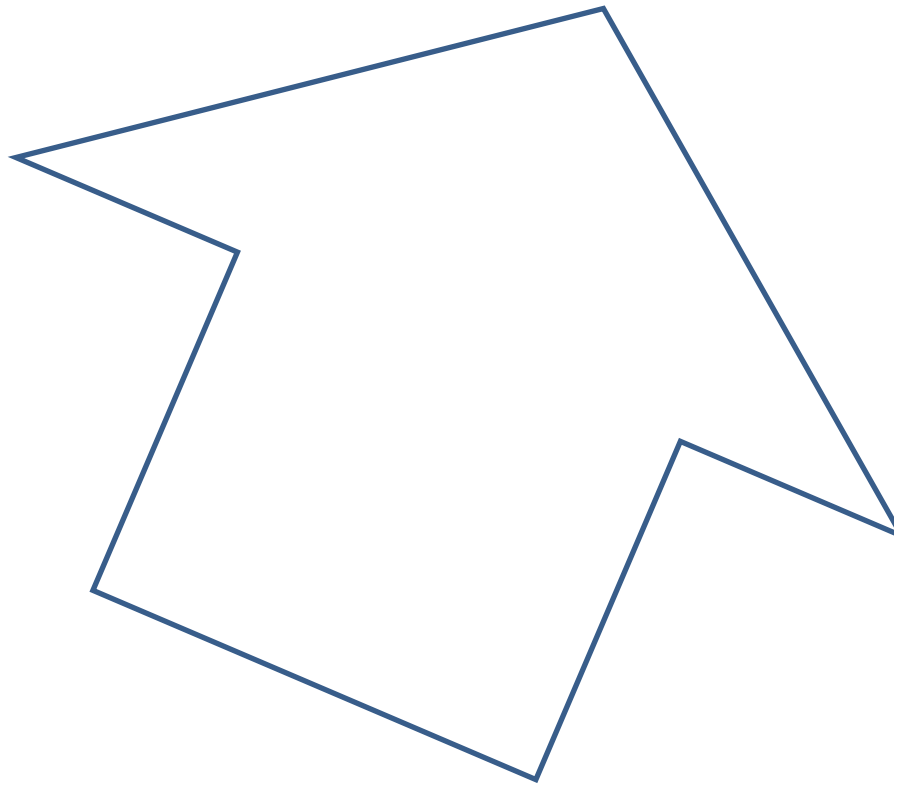
Ascent from

Ignorance to Insight

Hero's discovery of truth or insight.

Pity and Fear

Evocation of pity and fear (CATHARSIS) on the part of the onlookers



Think of another character who died throughout the course of the play. Using the criteria listed above, what other character could be *Macbeth's* tragic hero? Why?
