



An astonishingly intricate project is being undertaken to restore a legendary theatrical dress, Angela Wintle explains.

On December 28th, 1888, the curtain rose on a daring new stage revival of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* at the Lyceum Theatre in London. Topping the bill, playing Lady Macbeth, a main character in the play, was Ellen Terry. She was the greatest and most adored English actress of the age. But she didn't achieve this devotion through her acting ability alone. She knew the power of presentation and carefully cultivated her image. That first night was no exception. When she walked on stage for the famous banquet scene, her appearance drew a collective gasp from the audience.

What do you learn about Ellen Terry in the first paragraph?

- A Lady Macbeth was her first leading role.
- B The Lyceum was her favourite theatre.
- C She wanted to look young for her audience.
- D She tried hard to look good on stage.