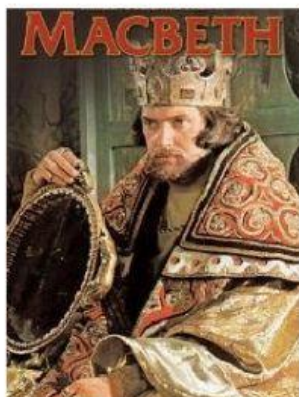


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MACBETH



Macbeth and **Banquo** are two generals in the service of **King Duncan** of **Scotland**. They are returning victorious from a battle when suddenly they find three witches who prophesy that Macbeth will become **Lord of Cawdor** and **Banquo's descendants** will be kings.

The first part of the prophesy is soon fulfilled when **Duncan** the King of Scotland rewards Macbeth's loyal service making him **Lord of Cawdor**.

One night, **Lady Macbeth**, an ambitious woman, persuades Macbeth to murder **Duncan** while he is a guest at their castle. If **Duncan** dies, Macbeth will become the **new King of Scotland**. But **Duncan** has two sons, **Malcolm** and **Donalbain**, who are the real descendants of the throne.



Macbeth attempts to kill them too, but they are obligated to escape to **England** for safety.

Macbeth, now **king of Scotland**, every night sees **Banquo's ghost** appears to him.



Then **Macbeth** visits the witches again. They tell him **two prophesies**: **First**, they advise him to "*be careful of **Macduff***" who is a loyal general of **Duncan**. **Second**, they promise him that "*he cannot be harmed by any man born of woman*".

Knowing it **Macbeth** tries to kill **Macduff** who escapes to **England**, but Macbeth orders the murder of **Macduff's wife and children**.

In **England**, **Malcolm** tests **Macduff's loyalty** and raise an army to march against Macbeth in the **Birnam forest**.

Macbeth believes himself invincible, but **Macduff kills him** in combat because he was born by **caesarian section**. Finally, **Malcolm** is crowned **King of Scotland**.

Glossary:

A **Cesarean section** (C-section) is **surgery to deliver a baby**. The baby is taken out through the mother's abdomen.

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READING ACTIVITIES

Vocabulary

1. Match each word with a sentence.

a) Lord:	1) something will happen in the future:
b) King:	2) a person having power and authority over others.
c) Prophecy:	3) trees.
d) Loyal:	4) the male ruler of an independent state.
e) Forest	5) giving support to a person.

Close reading

2. Choose the correct sentences.

- a) Lady Macbeth is a witch.
- b) Macbeth is a loyal man.
- c) Macduff is a loyal man.
- d) Malcolm and Donalbain escapes to Scotland.

3. Answer the questions

a) What is the correct message from the tale?

- get what you want, don't worry about the price!
- don't be easily persuaded!
- get into the army!

b) Where is the Birnam forest?

- Scotland
- England
- Cawdor