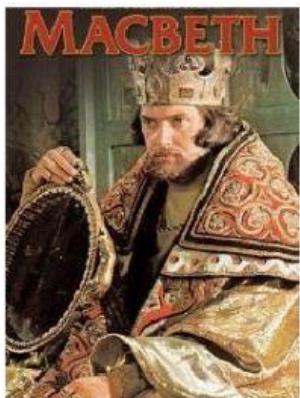


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## MACBETH



**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**.

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### 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