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Year 6

Macbeth

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Characters:

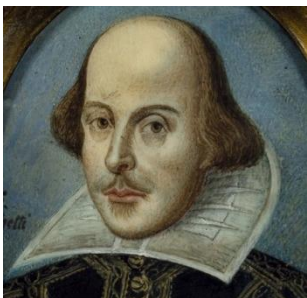
Macbeth	One of King Duncan's generals. He loves power; the witches tempt him into murder. Originally Thane of Glamis, he becomes the Thane of Cawdor, then King of Scotland.
Lady Macbeth	Macbeth's wife. She is ambitious and drives him to murder but is driven mad by conscience.
Three Witches	Sinister ladies of witchcraft who tempt Macbeth to do dark deeds.
Banquo	A general and friend of Macbeth. The prophecy does not corrupt him. He is murdered by Macbeth as he is considered a threat. His ghost haunts Macbeth.
King Duncan	The good and noble King of Scotland, murdered by Macbeth.
Macduff	Thane of Fife. He opposes Macbeth and supports Malcolm. He kills Macbeth in revenge for the murder of his family.
Malcolm	Duncan's son. He flees with his brother after the murder of Duncan but returns with English support to challenge Macbeth.
Fleance	Banquo's son. Macbeth tries and fails to murder him. He flees Scotland but it's implied he will return one day to fulfil the prophecy and become King.
Hecate	Queen of the witches.

Key vocabulary

Ambition	A strong desire to do or achieve something.
Manipulation	The action of influencing someone or something in a skilful manner.
Creed	An intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power or food.
Prophecy	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
Contempt	The feeling that a person or thing is worthless or beneath consideration.
Supernatural	Attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature.
Apparition	A ghost or ghost-like image of a person.
Malevolent	Having or showing a wish to do evil to others.
Noble	Belonging by rank, title or birth to the aristocracy.
Power	The ability or capacity to do something or act in a particular way.
Treachery	Betrayal of trust.
Sinister	Giving the impression that something harmful or evil will happen.
Disorder	A state of confusion.

Very Brief Plot Summary:

Act 1:	Macbeth and Banquo meet the witches; Cawdor is executed; Lady Macbeth reads the letter and taunts Macbeth; Duncan arrives.
Act 2:	Macbeth kills Duncan; Malcolm flees; Macbeth is crowned.
Act 3:	Banquo suspects Macbeth; Banquo is murdered but Fleance escapes; Macbeth is haunted by Banquo's ghost at the banquet.
Act 4:	The Witches show Macbeth future kings – sons of Banquo; Macduff's family is murdered; Malcolm tests Macduff's loyalty.
Act 5:	Lady Macbeth sleepwalks, dies; Macduff kills Macbeth, Malcolm restored as King



Context: The play was written by William Shakespeare and was first performed around 1606



Setting:
Scotland.