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***Macbeth* Text Dependent Questions – Act III**

Scene i

1. What does Banquo mean when he says, “and I fear / Thou play’st most foully for ’t” at lines 2-3?
2. Macbeth is now the King of Scotland; however, he says, “To be thus is nothing, / But to be safely thus” (lines 52-53). What does he mean by this? What does this indicate about the nature of an evil act?
3. For what reasons does Macbeth worry about Banquo?
4. What does Macbeth have planned for Banquo? What further **characterization** is revealed through the details of this action? (Look at what he told the men about the cause of their troubles and the way he is carrying out his plan.)
5. At line 40 in this scene, Banquo tells Macbeth, “Our time does call upon ’s.” What might this statement **foreshadow**?

16. What does Macbeth mean when he says, “We are yet but young in deed” at line 176? (There are two meanings.)

a.

b.

Scene v

17. This scene is thought to be added to the play by someone other than Shakespeare. Why would someone choose to include it?

Scene vi

18. What words and phrases do Lennox and “another lord” use that reveal the prevailing attitude about Macbeth? Why would Lennox be hesitant to speak directly?

19. What does the audience learn about Macduff? How might this affect the situation in Scotland?