

5. Where are they meeting?

6. What does Caithness report about people's view of Macbeth?

7. What does Angus report about the state of Macbeth's armies?

8. Define **simile**. Quote the simile Angus uses to describe Macbeth in his role as king. How is it an accurate description of Macbeth?

9. Define **diction**. Identify several specific words and phrases used in this section related to illness and medicine. Explain how these choices in diction help develop an important idea in the text.

Scene iii

10. Even though his troops are leaving him, why does Macbeth continue to believe he will triumph?

11. According to lines 26-33, what benefits "which should accompany old age" is Macbeth lacking? What does he expect to have "in their stead"?

12. How do Macbeth's contradictory statements about life and armor reflect main ideas in the play?

13. What does Macbeth want the doctor to do for his wife? Quote the doctor's response and explain its meaning.

14. What does Macbeth ask the doctor to do for Scotland? How does your understanding of the **diction** in scene ii help you understand this section?

15. Comment on the significance of Macbeth's servant's name. (Macbeth says his name four times in the scene.)

Scene iv

16. What does Malcolm order his men to do and for what reason?

Scene v

17. Define **imagery**. How does Shakespeare incorporate imagery into Macbeth's description of his ability to feel fear?

18. What has happened to Lady Macbeth?

19. Interpret the following monologue:

She should have died hereafter.	
There would have been time for such a word.	
Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow	
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day	
To the last syllable of recorded time,	
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools	
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!	
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player	
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage	
And then is heard no more. It is a tale	
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,	
Signifying nothing.	

20. How does Macbeth's reaction to the progress of the attack change over the course of scene?
What causes this change?

Scene vi

21. What are Malcolm's plans for attack?

Scene vii

22. When Macbeth slays Young Siward, how is he still relying on the witches' prophecies?

23. Identify who else appears in this scene, and explain the purpose of each character to the scene.

Scene viii

24. Why does Macbeth say he has avoided Macduff in battle?

25. What quote finally ends Macbeth's illusion that he lives "a charmed life" (15) and cannot be defeated?

26. What does Macduff do to Macbeth? Why is this significant?

