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Shakespeare's Macbeth: It's a Tragedy!

How is *Macbeth* a classic literary tragedy? To help you answer this question, consider the several elements of a tragedy listed on this worksheet. Your classmates' analyses and presentations will help you to recognize these elements in the play and find specific supporting quotes that exemplify the elements to completely fill out this worksheet. Later, you will see these same characteristics in other tragedies you read this year and next year.

1. Element:

The tragic hero is a person of high social status, making his downfall more tragic.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

Supporting Quote(s): Include act, scene and line numbers, and speaker of quote

2. Element:

The tragic hero is a victim of external forces and circumstances beyond his control.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

Supporting Quote(s): Include act, scene and line numbers, and speaker of quote

3. Element:

Hamartia (tragic flaw): the tragic hero's character trait that motivates the hero to make poor choices and causes his downfall/destruction. It should be a characteristic that was once positive.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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4. Element:

The tragic hero has opportunities for redemption but does not take advantage of these.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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5. Element:

The tragic hero suffers from an internal conflict between what is essentially good and evil.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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6. Element:

The evil begins to overtake the good within the tragic hero.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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7. Element:

The tragic hero often experiences abnormal mental conditions.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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8. Element:

Tragedies begin in an ordered society but chaos is created.

Where do you see this element in *Macbeth*?

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