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Macbeth- Act 4



Directions: *Answer the following questions based on Act 4 of Macbeth in complete detailed sentences.*

Scene 1

1. How does Macbeth treat the witches? What is ironic about this treatment?

2. Describe the three prophecies the apparitions share with Macbeth. How are they different from the prophecies he has received in the past? (Use a chart!)

3. What is Macbeth's response to the three prophecies, and why is it significant? How does it relate to what Hecate says earlier in the play?

4. What does Macbeth plan to do about Macduff?

Scene 2

5. Why is Lady Macduff angry with her husband?

6. How are the murders of Lady Macduff and her son different from the murders of Duncan, his attendants, and Banquo? How are they like the murders of Duncan and his attendants?

Scene 3

7. How does Malcolm test Macduff's loyalty?

8. When Malcolm tells Macduff to dispute the deaths of his wife and children like a man, Macduff says, "I shall do so, / But I must also feel it as a man." What does he mean?

9. After Macduff hears of his family's slaughter, he swears vengeance on Macbeth. What is ironic about the chain of events setting Macbeth and Macduff against one another?