

## **Macbeth**

### **Act Two**

#### **Comprehension Check**

**Directions:** To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the play, answer the following questions using complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to use your Scene Guide to help you.

#### **Scene One**

1. About what time is it at the beginning of this Act?
2. Why can't Banquo sleep?
3. What did the King give Lady Macbeth? What kind of mood was the King in before he went to bed?
4. What lie does Macbeth tell Banquo?
5. What does Macbeth "see"?
6. In his soliloquy, what lines indicate that Macbeth has been having nightmares?
7. What does the bell indicate?

#### **Scene Two**

1. What does Lady Macbeth mean by "That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold" (line 1)?
2. Why does Lady say she couldn't murder Duncan herself?
3. What happened to spook Macbeth while he waited to kill Duncan?
4. What does Macbeth then think he hears? Why do you think he "hears" this?
5. What mistake does Macbeth make?
6. How does Lady fix his mistake?
7. What evidence from the murder upsets Macbeth the most?
8. Lady Macbeth says "A little water clears us of this deed, how easy is it then!" (lines 70-71) Is this true? How does this seem like an understatement?
9. What line reveals that Macbeth is now regretting what they have done?

#### **Scene Three**

1. This scene with the Porter provides some comic relief. Why is this scene important to the audience at this time?
2. What is ironic about his statement "but this place is too cold for hell"?
3. According to the Porter, how is drink an "equivocator of lechery"?

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4. Why is Macduff up so early?
5. Explain why Lennox said the night was “unruly.” (line 53)
6. Who found Duncan’s body?
7. What does Macbeth confess to Macduff? What does he give as the reason he did it?
8. What is Lady Macbeth’s reaction to hearing this? Do you think her reaction is sincere?
9. What do Malcolm and Donalbain decide to do? Why?

#### **Scene Four**

1. What strange events have been happening?
2. Who have become suspects in Duncan’s murder? Why?