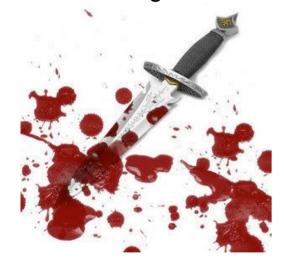
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# Macbeth's journey

King Macbeth was a humble yet valiant man. He resided in Scotland with his wife Lady Macbeth. Macbeth had been known by everybody as a ruthless killer, even King Duncan agreed. This is what he said about Mac: ".. But all's too weak: For brave Macbeth - well he deserves that name - Disdaining Fortune, with his brandished steel, Which smoked with bloody execution, like valor's minion carved out his passage till he faced the slave; which ne'er shook hands nor bade farewell to him till he unseamed him from the nave to th' chaps and fixed his head upon our battlements." According to Duncan, Macbeth was cutting people open left and right, even beheading them! With all of this praise, Macbeth soon became very cocky, and not nearly as humble. When the three mystical witches appeared before him and prophesied that he would soon become Thane of Cawdor and even King, that only made matters worse. This information only fueled his confidence. In fact, he became so anxious to obtain more power, he thought it would be a good idea to kill King Duncan. So he did. Sadly for him, it blew up in his face. Since he had such a good relationship with Duncan, Macbeth was feeling straight up terrible for killing him. Guilt was impacting him severely, as was anxiety and paranoia. Just look how paranoid he was becoming before the deed was even over with: "Whence is that knocking? How is't with me when every noise appalls me? What hands are here? Ha! they pluck out mine eyes. With all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand? No, this my hand will rather the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red." This guy is not going to get through this thing easily. Him and his lady haven't even left the crime scene yet, and he is already overreacting to noises and reflecting on what he just did. This leads to believe, what happened to Mr. Cocky? Macbeth has gone from a confidence driven mogul to a nervous wreck. (see more in Section C, Page 7)

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# Macbeth's Journey (continued)

Macbeth quickly begins to realize something, as he thinks aloud: "To be thus is nothing, but to be safely thus." Being King is going to suck unless he is a safe, worry-free King. Which at the moment, he is truly far from. So, Macbeth has a big decision here. He needs to decide whether he is going to sit back and hope that things work out in his favor, or if he is going to actually do something about the predicament that he's in. Just like he reflected on killing Duncan, he reflects on what he should do, and then chooses what he thinks is the right decision. He hires murderers to kill people that he thinks are a threat to him. Soon after, the witches appear again, but not alone. Three apparitions also appear, and they carry with them advice for Macbeth. The apparitions state their advice, including prophecies that Macbeth will die if the woods of Birnam come to Dunsinane. Even with all this information, it all just isn't good enough for Macbeth. It is evident that when he isn't thankful for what he has, he is becoming arrogant and demanding again. Goodbye nervous Macbeth, hello Mr. Cocky. When the apparitions threaten to leave, Macbeth shouts, "I will be satisfied. Deny me this, And an eternal curse fall on you!" It is now clear that Macbeth has fully regained his conceited attitude. Regardless, the apparitions disappear. Soon after, the woods of Birnam indeed come to Dunsinane, in the form of barracades. Along with the woods, are Malcolm and Macduff. They came to Dunsinane to test the powers of Macbeth! (see more in Section C, Page 8)

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# Macbeth's Journey (continued)

As Macbeth was processing what was happening, he was informed that his beloved wife Lady Macbeth had killed herself. It must have been a huge impact on him, but he was informed at a completely inappropriate time. Some say that this information had a great influence on how his attitude towards the imminent war, but others say it did not affect him. Regardless, when Macbeth stepped out onto the battlefield, he soon came face to face with Macduff. When Macbeth found out Malcolm and Macbeth had retreated to London to plot against him, he sent out his murderers to kill Lady Macduff and their children. Now he was face to face with him. Surprisingly, after being extremely cocky and arrogant, he somehow regained his courage and fearless attitude, and stated, "Yet I will try the last. Before my body I throw my warlike shield. Lay on, Macduff. And damned be him that first cries "Hold, enough!"" Macbeth chose to fight to the death, which gives a very heroic impression. Unfortunately, Macduff got the best of Macbeth, beheading him and ending his supremacy. Soon thereafter, Macduff was hailed the new King. Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are no more, but their actions will always be considered some of the most significant ones in the history of Scotland.