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Macbeth

Act I, scenes (i) - (iv)

1. What mood/feeling does Shakespeare try to create in scene(i)? How does he create this mood/feeling?

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2. Explain "Fair is foul and foul is fair" (line11).

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3. In scene (ii) what important information does the Sergeant report to King Duncan about Macbeth?

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4. Name the two traitors and the foreign king who were fighting against Duncan's army.

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5. "What he hath lost, noble Macbeth hath won" (line 68). Explain. Be specific....who?.....lost what ?....why is Macbeth being honored?.....

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6. In scene (iii) how is the witches' pattern of speech different from other characters? Why might Shakespeare make them talk in this manner?

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7. What does Macbeth mean when he says "So foul and fair a day I have not seen" (line38)?

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8. In line 45-46, Banquo refers to the contradiction in the witches' appearance. What is it?

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9. What "honour" does Ross, the King's messenger, bestow upon Macbeth?

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10. What event is foreshadowed with Macbeth's words "horrid image" (line 135)

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11. In scene (iv), whom does Duncan announce as his successor?

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12. What is Macbeth's reaction to this? (Hint:line 48-49)

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13. Explain Macbeth's words "Stars hide your fires, let not light see my black and deep desires" in terms of his plans.

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14. In scene (iv) Duncan refers to Macbeth as "worthiest cousin" (line 14) and "peerless kinsman" (line 58). Explain the irony in this high praise!

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