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Act II (i-iv)

scene (i)

1. "There's husbandry in heaven, their candles are all out." (L.5) What did Banquo mean?

2. What is "a dagger of the mind"? (L.38)

3. Why do you think Macbeth saw this "false creation"?

4. What "summons" Duncan to heaven or hell? _____

scene (ii)

5. How has the wine affected Lady Macbeth?

6. Why did Lady Macbeth not kill Duncan?

7. What is the significance of Macbeth imagining he heard a voice saying "Macbeth shall sleep no more"?

8. Why do you think Macbeth brought the daggers with him instead of leaving them in the chamber?

9. "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?" (L.60-61) Explain how "yes" and "no" are both answers to Macbeth's question.

10. Explain how lines 70-72 show Lady Macbeth's practicality.

scene(iii)

11. Why do you think Shakespeare included the Porter scene?

12. What is the significance/symbolism of the weather as described by Lennox?

13. Comment on the irony (what do we know that Lennox does not) of Macbeth's response to Lennox "'twas a rough night"

15. Why is it ironic for Macduff to refer to Lady Macbeth as a "gentle lady?"

16. Why do you think Lady Macbeth pretended to faint?

17. What type of figurative language is Donalbain's using when he says, "There's daggers in men's smiles." What is the meaning behind this phrase?
