

Short Questions on Macbeth

1. Who are the 'weird sisters'?
The weird sisters are the three witches
2. Who is at war at the start of the play?
Scotland and Norway
3. Who wins the war?
Scotland
4. What do the witches say in the first scene?
"Fair is foul and foul is fair"
5. Where is Macbeth set?
Scotland
6. Who is King of Scotland at the start of the play?
King Duncan
7. What do the witches predict?
They predict that Banquos heirs will inherit the throne and that Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and then King.
8. What does Lady Macbeth want her husband to do?
She wants him to kill King Duncan and become king.
9. What does Macbeth believe the 'ghostly dagger' symbolises?
He thinks it means that he should kill Duncan
10. Who does Macbeth blame Duncan's death on?
The servants
11. Who finds King Duncan's body?
Macduff
12. What does Lady Macbeth call her husband and why?
She calls him weak for not wanting to kill Duncan.
13. Why do Malcolm and Donalbain flee to England?
They think they will be blamed for their father's death.
14. What happens to Fleance?
He *almost* dies. The hired murderers mess up.
15. What happens to Lady Macbeth?
She suffers nightmares and commits suicide.
16. "You won't be killed by any man born of a woman". How does this prediction come true?
Macduff was born by C-section.
17. Why does Macbeth kill Macduff's family?
Because he cannot find Macduff.
18. Who is King of Scotland at the end of the play?
Malcolm.