

Act 2, sc. 1

Period 1

Banquo - troubled thoughts
↳ resisting temptation

Macbeth - to Banq. - if you support
me when time comes, I'll reward

Banquo^{you} - yes, if honorable

Macbeth - sees dagger - troubled

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Banquo + Fleance (his son)



tempted by
prophecy, but
resists

Macbeth to Banq. → if you follow me
when time comes, you'll be rewarded

Banquo - okay, if I don't lose honor
in doing so

Macbeth -

hallucinates knife → already
feeling impact of his deed

↓
conscience is
hagging him

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Act 2. sc. 2

Macbeth haunted by his act
(GUILT)

- sees dagger
- troubled by bloody hands
- takes daggers instead of leaving them
- can't pray → can't say "Amen"

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English 11R – Macbeth
Study Guide Questions – Act 2

Name: _____

Act 2

Scene 1

1. At what time does this scene take place? What lines tell you?

→ Why would Banquo prefer not to sleep?

Having nightmares about witches

2. What offer does Macbeth make to Banquo?

to reward him if he's loyal when
"the time comes"

3. What feelings does Macbeth reveal in his soliloquy at the end of this scene?

Right before murder: Unhinged, guilty, waning
courage is

Scene 2

4. What feat has Lady Macbeth accomplished?

↳ Drug the guards + prepare the scene
dagger: conscience

5. Lady Macbeth said she would have killed Duncan herself except for what?

6. What does Macbeth tell his wife?

7. What did Macbeth hear, or imagine he heard, while he was in Duncan's chamber? Can you explain this?

"Macbeth does murder sleep"
Hears voice → can't say "Amen" in response.

8. In what ways does Lady Macbeth's reaction to the murder differ from Macbeth's?

9. What advice does she give Macbeth?

10. Macbeth is overwhelmed with guilt over what he has done? What lines indicate this?

Scene 3

11. Why do you think Shakespeare added the porter and his long speech?

12. Besides being funny, how is the porter's speech significant and/or ironic?

13. Who does the porter admit to the castle?

14. As Lennox and Macbeth talk, what is Macduff about to do?

15. What was Macbeth's reaction to the discovery? How does he explain his actions?

16. What wise decision to Malcolm and Donalbain make? Why?

Scene 4

17. Who is under suspicion for Duncan's murder? Does this make any sense?

18. Who will be king now?

19. Explain the line, "Lest our old robes sit easier than our new!"

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p59: Are you weak? - Lady
 Macbeth - forgets to leave daggers
 Lady takes charge again

Reactions to Murder

Macbeth vs. Lady Macbeth

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| - horrified | - indifferent |
| - all oceans won't
cleanse blood | - business-like |
| - disoriented | - calm |
| - nervous | - clear-headed |
| | - fearless |

- Remorse/Regret:

"Wake Duncan w/ thy knocking."
 ↳ wishes he could

Scene 3 (Act 2)

Porter - pretends to be
 gatekeeper @ gates of hell

- comic relief laced w/ irony
 b/c brutal murder has
 just occurred - sinners about

Enter: Macduff + Lennox

finds ~~xx~~ King
 "horror! horror!"

reports terrible
 weather
 (reflects events of
 evening → Duncan)

Act 2, sc. 3 (cont.)

Macduff reports murder
 - too horrible for Lady's ears
 (IRONIC)

Macbeth - says he killed
 the guards - expresses regret
 ↓
 to "avenge" King's murder

Lady - she "faints" to avoid questions

Banquo - vows to uncover the truth
 + Macduff

Donalbain & Malcolm - worry that
 ↓ Ireland ↓ England
 whomever killed Duncan
 will kill them next

"There's daggers in men's smiles."

Donalbain → not what ~~things~~ they appear to be
 ↳ leaving makes them look guilty

Act 2, sc. 4

Ross + Old Man - discuss strange happenings:

- darkness during day
- horses eating each other
- A proud falcon killed by weaker mouse owl

Symbolizes: Duncan Macbeth

- Malcolm + Donalbain's absence creates suspicion

Ross: unnatural for a son to kill his father

- Macbeth chosen as king
- Duncan to be buried

Macduff Ross
 ↓ ↓
 home to Fife Stone

Macduff is wary about Macbeth's
 kingship: "our old robes
 sit easier than our new!"