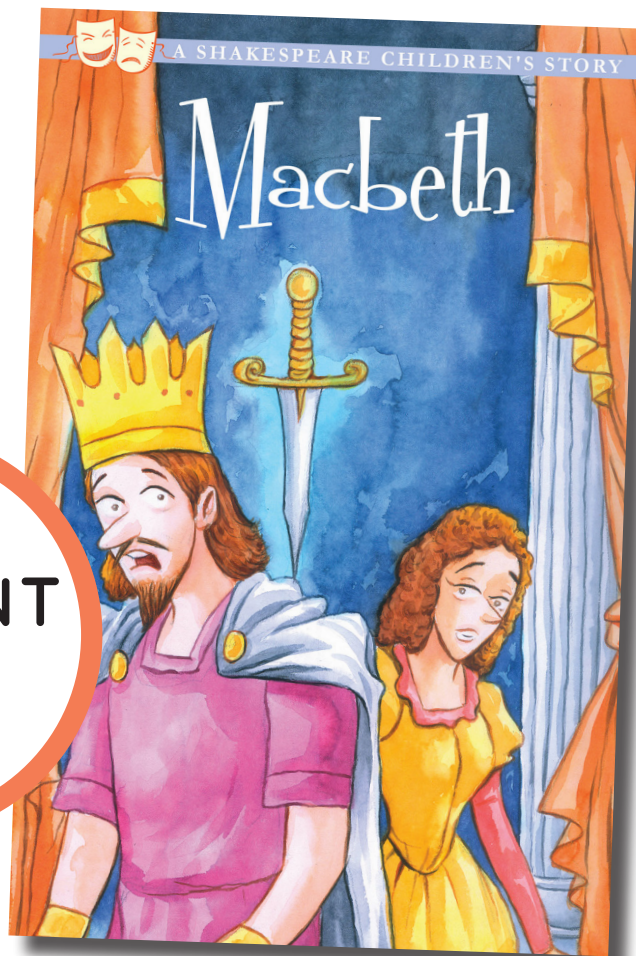


20 SHAKESPEARE CHILDREN'S STORIES

The Tragedy of Macbeth

**STUDENT
PACK**



This activity pack belongs to:

The Tragedy of Macbeth

Character List

Match each character's name to their description.

Macbeth
Lady Macbeth
King Duncan
Banquo
Macduff
Malcolm and Donalbain
Fleance
the witches

a noble general whose children, according to the witches' prophecy, will inherit the Scottish throne
a Scottish nobleman
three mysterious hags who plot mischief using spells and prophecies
Banquo's son
a Scottish general (army officer)
Macbeth's wife
the King of Scotland
Macduff's sons

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Plot Sequencing

Cut out the boxes below and put the story in order.

On their return from battle, Macbeth and his friend Banquo are stopped by three witches who tell Macbeth he will be the king.



Macbeth worries that Banquo will suspect him of the murder. He orders for Banquo and his son to be killed, but Fleance escapes.

Lady Macbeth jumps from the roof and dies. An army led by Macduff and Malcolm arrive to take revenge on Macbeth.

Following the news of Duncan's murder, his sons flee to England for safety and Macbeth is appointed the new King of Scotland.

Lady Macbeth starts to go delirious with guilt. The witches tell Macbeth that none of woman born shall harm him.

When they arrive at the palace, King Duncan names Macbeth the new Thane of Cawdor as a reward for his loyal services.

Macbeth is killed and Malcolm takes his rightful place on the throne as the King of Scotland.


Macbeth wakes up in the middle of the night and kills Duncan with a dagger while his guards lay nearby in a drunken sleep.

Seeing the witches' prophecy coming true, Macbeth and his wife, Lady Macbeth, plot to kill King Duncan so Macbeth can be king.

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Draw the Story

Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story.

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Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. How is Macbeth presented at the beginning of the story?

_____ []
2. Find an example of a simile used to describe the witches and explain the effect this has on the reader.

_____ []
3. What does the second witch hail Macbeth as, and how does this prophecy come true?

_____ []
4. What is your first impression of Lady Macbeth?

_____ []
5. Compare and contrast the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.

_____ []
6. What do you think the vision of the dagger symbolises?

_____ []
7. How is Malcolm different to Donalbain?

_____ []
8. Why did Macbeth try to have Macduff killed?

_____ []
9. What does the imaginary blood on Lady Macbeth's hands symbolise?

_____ []
10. Why is Macbeth's story considered a tragedy?

_____ []

Score: /10

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Complete the Prophecies

Fill in the missing words from the witches prophecies below.

“All hail Macbeth, the Thane of _____!”

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“All hail Macbeth, he who shall be _____!”

“_____ than Macbeth, yet _____.”

“Not so _____, yet much _____.”

“You shall beget _____, though you shall _____ be one.”

“Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth! Beware of _____!”

“Be _____, _____ and _____; laugh to scorn the power of man, for none of _____ shall harm Macbeth.”

“Macbeth shall never be _____ until great _____ begin to walk against him.”