

Macbeth

Characters

Macbeth

Lady Macbeth

Duncan

Banquo

Malcolm

Donalbain

Macduff

Lady Macduff

Thanes of Scotland

The Witches

The Porter

Minor Characters

Themes

Supernatural

Darkness and Light

Appearance and reality

Order and chaos

Ambition

Bravery

Power

Gender Roles

Tyranny

Leadership

Sickness and health

Natural world

Context

Shakespeare

Jacobean/Elizabethan Times

Divine Right of Kings

James 1

Chain of Being and the Body Politic

The Gunpowder Plot and Gowrie conspiracies

Religion and the Supernatural

Macbeth: The Source

The Four Humours

Illnesses and Epidemics

Social Hierarchy

Gender Roles

Language

Dramatic Irony

Figurative Language

Literary Style

Nobility and blank verse

The Witches – chanting (trochaic tetrameter)