

| Keyword | Definition |
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| Genre—Tragedy | A play with a sad ending where the hero either dies or ends up mentally, emotionally or spiritually devastated beyond recovery |
| Thy | You |
| Whom | Who |
| Thee | You |
| Thou | You |
| Hath | Have |
| Gray-Malkin | A Witch's cat |
| Padock calls | A Witch's toad |
| Anon! | Let's go |
| By Sinell's death | By my Father's death |
| Possets | Drinks |
| Thane | Owner of land |

| Character | Traits/Relationships to other characters |
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| Macbeth | Thane of Glamis and married to Lady Macbeth., A brave and successful captain in King Duncan's army. |
| Lady Macbeth | Married to Macbeth. They have no children. |
| Banquo | A friend of Macbeth and fellow captain. |
| Fleance | Banquo's youngest son. |
| King Duncan | King of Scotland. Generous and well-liked ruler |
| Weyward Women (Witches) | Three weird sisters who have supernatural powers and can cast spells |
| Macduff | Thane of Fife. Married to Lady Macduff and has children |

Plot Summary:

- After a battle in Scotland, Macbeth and his friend Banquo meet three witches, who make three prophecies; Macbeth will be a Thane, Macbeth will be King and Banquo's sons will be Kings.
- The witches first prophecy comes true and King Duncan makes Macbeth Thane of Cawdor.
- When King Duncan visits Macbeth's castle, Lady Macbeth persuades Macbeth to murder King Duncan in his sleep to make the second prophecy come true/
- With Lady Macbeth's help, Macbeth frames King Duncan's dead servants as the murderers. Duncan's children, Malcolm and Donalbain, leave Scotland for their own safety.
- Now king, Macbeth worries about the witches third prophecy and sends murderers to kill Banquo and his son.
- At a banquet, Macbeth is haunted by visions of Banquo's ghost in front of all his guests.
- Macbeth visits the witches and they tell him—the only person he needs to beware of is Macduff, no one a woman had given birth to can harm him and he won't be defeated until Birnam Wood moves. He thinks he's unbeatable.
- While Macduff is in England convincing Duncan's son Malcolm to fight against Macbeth, Macbeth has Macduff's family murdered.
- Macduff and Malcolm arrive in Scotland with an army. On their way to attack Macbeth's castle they cut down branches from the trees in Birnam Wood to use as camouflage. When the wood moves, one of the witches prophecies comes true.
- Macduff reveals that he was born by a caesarean birth and kills Macbeth, fulfilling the final prophecy.

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