# MACBETH

# Before-reading questions

- 1 Reader's own answers.
- **2** a Duncan
  - **b** Macbeth's wife
  - ${\bf c}$  Thane of Fife
  - ${\bf d}$  Banquo's son
- **3** a There are three witches.**b** *Model answer*: I think the witches are ... years old.

# **During-reading questions**

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Scotland
- 2 Macbeth and Banquo
- **3** Macbeth
- **4** That he is Thane of Cawdor and that in the future he will be King of Scotland.
- **5** That his children's children will be kings.

### CHAPTER TWO

- Duncan is sleeping and Macbeth kills him with a dagger.
- Because, now, Macbeth can be King of Scotland.
- Because Duncan was a good man and Macbeth did a bad thing.
- 4 Malcolm is going to England. He is going because he is afraid. (Malcolm says:
  "Someone murdered my father they can murder me, too.")

### CHAPTER THREE

- Because of what the witches told Banquo. Macbeth thinks: Banquo and Fleance must die and then they cannot be kings.
- **2** The men kill Banquo but they do not kill Fleance.
- 3 Yes, there is a chair for Macbeth but Macbeth sees the dead Banquo in his chair.

#### **CHAPTER FOUR**

- Be afraid of Macduff. 2) No person born from a woman can kill you. 3) First, Birnam Wood must walk to Dunsinane Hill. Then you can die.
- **2** The men are Banquo, Fleance and Fleance's children and his children's children. They are kings in the future.
- 3 Macduff's wife and children die. Macbeth's man kills them because Macbeth thinks Macduff is a traitor, and the witches told him: "Be afraid of Macduff."
- **4** Reader's own answer.

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

- The Queen washes the blood from her hands but there is no blood. She talks to Macbeth but he is not there.
- 2 Malcolm tells Macduff that Macbeth is crazy. He is crazy because he murdered lots of people and now he cannot sleep.
- 3 Malcolm and his soldiers are in BirnamWood. They all take branches to hide behind and walk to Dunsinane Hill.
- **4** Macduff's mother died. Then a doctor took him from her body.
- **5** Malcolm is King of Scotland now.

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## Model answers:

- 1 Reader's own answers.
- 2 Reader's own answers.
- **3** Reader's own answers.
- **4** *Reader's own answers.*
- 5 "We can meet after Scotland wins the battle."– page 7.
  - "Macbeth is coming." page 10.

"It is Macbeth, ... Thane of Cawdor." – page

11 (Duncan said it on page 9 but the witches did not hear him).

"It is Macbeth,  $\dots$  King of Scotland!" – page 11.





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"You [Banquo] are not king but your

children's children are kings." – page 12. "Someone bad [Macbeth] is coming towards

us ..." – page 39.

"Macbeth, be afraid of Macduff ..." – page 40.

"No person born from a woman can kill you [Macbeth]." – page 40.

"First, Birnam Wood must walk to

Dunsinane Hill. Then you can die." – page 40.

The witches show Macbeth the kings in the future (Banquo's family). – page 41.

- 6 Macbeth sees the witches and maybe they are not real. He sees a dagger with blood (pages 20/21). He sees Banquo but he is dead (page 35). He sees Banquo, Fleance and the kings in the future (page 41). He thinks Birnam Wood is walking to Dunsinane Hill. But it is the soldiers with branches (page 52). Lady Macbeth sees blood on her hands (page 45). She talks to Macbeth but he is not there (page 46). They see these things because ... (*Reader's own answer*)
- 7 Model answer: They are not happy because they have done, and are doing, very bad things.
- 8 Reader's own answer.

## **Exercises**

## CHAPTER ONE

- **1** Scotland **wins** the battle.
  - 2 Macbeth is **brave** because he killed lots of men in the battle.
  - **3** Banquo is a good **soldier**, too.
  - **4** The old Thane of Cawdor is a **traitor**.

#### CHAPTER TWO

- **2** 1 They are in Macbeth's castle.
  - **2** Because he has killed Duncan.
  - **3** Because she put the dagger in the bedroom.
  - 4 Because there is a lot of blood on his hands, and he needs a lot of water. He also says this because he did a bad thing, and he knows it. In his head, his hands can never be clean again.
  - **1** Did **someone murder** Duncan in my house?
    - **2** I can't **stay** here. Someone **murdered** my father.
    - **3** Malcolm is going to England. **Maybe** he's **afraid**.
    - **4** Goodbye, Banquo. I'm going to my **castle** in Fife.

### CHAPTER THREE

**4 1** d **2** a, b, d **3** c

### CHAPTER FOUR

- **1** "Someone **bad** is coming towards us ..."
  - 2 "Macbeth, be afraid of Macduff, Thane of Fife!"
  - **3** "No person born from a **woman** can kill you."
  - 4 "First, Birnam Wood must walk to Dunsinane Hill. Then you can die."
- **6 1** "Cook them **on** the fire." b
  - **2** "Tell me **about** my future." a
  - **3** "Macduff is **with** Malcolm in England."- c
  - 4 "Why did your father go to England? He doesn't love us." - e
  - **5** "We're ready **for** battle." d







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#### CHAPTER FIVE

Woman: <sup>1</sup> Look (look), doctor. The Queen
<sup>2</sup> is walking (walk) in her sleep again. She
<sup>3</sup> is washing (wash) her hands. She <sup>4</sup> does
(do) this every night.
The Queen (Lady Macbeth): My hands <sup>5</sup> have
(have) blood on them. I must <sup>6</sup> wash (wash)
them again.
Doctor: There's nothing on her hands. Why <sup>7</sup>

**is** she **washing** (wash) them? She's crazy. I can't <sup>8</sup> **help** (help) her.

# **Project work**

Reader's own answers.

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