

QUICK CARD: MACBETH



Reference	<i>Macbeth</i> . William Shakespeare. ISBN-13: 978-0743477109
Plot	When General Macbeth returns a hero from battle, he encounters three witches who prophesy that he will not only be awarded a new title, but also that he will soon become king. These dark predictions, together with his wife's urgings, spur ambitious Macbeth to aid the prophecy's fulfillment by assassinating his cousin, king Duncan. Murder is compounded with murder as Macbeth strives to maintain his tenuous hold on the throne. Meanwhile, Malcolm musters an army to regain his rightful throne and punish the traitors.
Setting	Scotland in the time of Duncan the Meek.
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macbeth (protagonist) – general of Duncan's army • Lady Macbeth, Macbeth's wife • Duncan, King of Scotland • Malcolm and Donalbain, the king's sons • Banquo – general of the king's army and friend of Macbeth • Macduff • Lady Macduff, Macduff's wife • Three Witches, the Wyrd Sisters (antagonists) – the Fates • Lennox, nobleman of Scotland • Rosse, nobleman of Scotland • Menteth, nobleman of Scotland • Angus, nobleman of Scotland • Cathness, nobleman of Scotland • Fleance, son of Banquo • Siward, Earl of Northumberland, general of the English forces • Young Siward, Siward's son • Seyton, an officer attending Macbeth • Boy, son to Macduff • English Doctor/Scottish Doctor • Three Murderers • Porter

Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Man vs. Self• Man vs. Man• Man vs. Fate
Theme	The tragic downfall of Macbeth is the story of a noble and loyal man brought to ruin by his own fatal flaws, ambition and fear of man, spurred on by the counsels of darkness, who wish him no good.
Literary Devices	Dramatic irony; Allusion; Blank Verse