

Macbeth – Key Moments

Act 1

- Macbeth helps to win the battle for Scotland; Duncan is very impressed with him
- Witches predict he will become Thane of Cawdor and King
- Macbeth starts to have ambitions of becoming King
- Lady Macbeth decides Duncan must die immediately
- Macbeth has doubts about actually murdering Duncan

Act 2

- Macbeth imagines seeing a dagger, directing him towards Duncan
- Macbeth murders Duncan, and is immediately guilty and panic-stricken
- Lady Macbeth is furious with Macbeth's reaction
- Macduff discovers Duncan murdered; Malcolm escapes to England
- Macbeth is crowned King

Act 3

- Banquo begins to suspect Macbeth murdered Duncan
- Macbeth arranges Banquo and Fleance's murder
- Banquo is killed; his son escapes
- Macbeth hosts a banquet for his Thanes and repeatedly hallucinates about Banquo's ghost in front of all of them
- Macbeth discusses Macduff's absence from the banquet with Lady Macbeth

Act 4

- Macbeth visits the witches again; they give him more prophecies. Macbeth must beware of Macduff, no man born of a woman can harm him and he is safe until the woods move to the hill. He then sees Banquo's descendants as Kings.
- Macbeth finds out Macduff has gone to England to find Malcolm
- Macbeth orders the murder of Macduff's entire household.
- Macduff convinces Malcolm to return to Scotland to fight Macbeth and become the rightful king.
- Macduff discovers his whole family has been murdered.
- Macduff and Malcolm vow revenge on Macbeth

Act 5

- Lady Macbeth is seen continuously sleepwalking, washing her hands and talking about all the people that have died
- Malcolm and Macduff arrive in Scotland with an army ready to overthrow Macbeth
- Macbeth prepares for battle, desperate but determined
- Macbeth discovers his wife killed herself; he wishes he had time to mourn for her but must prepare to fight
- The woods seem to move to the hill, as the witches predicted
- Macbeth doesn't feel any fear anymore
- Macduff confesses to not being born of a woman (he was born via c-section)
- Macduff kills Macbeth
- Malcolm, now king, promises that Scotland will be restored to a safe, peaceful country