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Macbeth – Questions – Act III

1. What prophecy does Banquo recall at the opening of Act III?
2. What is Macbeth's motive for having Banquo murdered? What reason does Macbeth give the hired murderers for killing Banquo? Why is it important for Macbeth to have Fleance killed to?
3. What does Macbeth hope to learn from the witches (weird sisters)?
4. Why does Macduff leave for England?
5. Explain how Act III is the climax of the play (Use evidence from the act.)?
6. Even though he believes/knows that Macbeth is guilty of murder, why does Banquo remain silent?
7. In the opening conversation of scene 1 (lines 11-40), there are several examples of dramatic irony. Find two examples and explain the irony of each.
8. How do scenes 1 and 2 reveal a moral change in Macbeth?
9. How have Macbeth and Lady Macbeth changed? What are their most apparent changes?
10. In the banquet scene (scene 4), what is the importance of Macbeth seeing and calling forth Banquo's ghost? (In your answer, write down the number of times that the Ghost of Banquo appears to Macbeth at the banquet.)
11. How does Lady Macbeth "save" Macbeth in the banquet scene?