

Novel or Play Study Sheet

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Directions: Use this study sheet to help you identify important information about a novel or play.

Title: MacBeth

Author: Shakespeare

Genre: Tragedy

Main Characters:	Character Name	Character Traits
	MacBeth	brave, loyal, fearless
	King Duncan	trusting supreme
	Malcolm	fearful, weak

Minor Characters:	Character Name	Character Traits
	Siwad	loyal
	Lennox	inquisitive
	Angus	fearful, trustworthy

Setting: Scotland, 11TH century

Narrative point of view: third person objective

Plot: a general receives prophecies from witches about his ascension to power and this motivates him to kill the king and he becomes a tyrant.

Basic conflict: the main characters are fighting to rule the throne

Main events in rising action: when MacBeth meets the three witches and when Lady MacBeth suggests to kill King Duncan

Climax: when MacBeth kills Banquo

Main events in falling action: witches prophesize MacBeth ascension to power, MacBeth kills King Duncan, Macbeth kills Banquo, Malcolm and MacDuff plan to kill MacBeth

Resolution: MacBeth kills Banquo, MacBeth accepts that he has ceded to other powers

Mood or atmosphere: dark and depressing

Theme(s): fate, superstition, ambition, violence, power