

ENG3UC *Macbeth* Act I Review

Comprehension Questions - For In-class Study

1. What two enemies does the kingdom of Scotland face? How are they overcome?
2. What powers do the Three Witches seem to possess? What do they predict will happen to Macbeth and Banquo?
3. What kind of ruler does Duncan appear to be?
4. How do Macbeth and Banquo differ in their reactions to the Witches' predictions? What does this suggest about their characters?
5. How does Macbeth react to Duncan's naming of his son Malcolm as his heir?
6. After reading her husband's letter, what does Lady Macbeth say about him?
7. What does Lady Macbeth's reaction to the news of Duncan's visit show about her nature?
8. What is ironic about Duncan's first impression when he arrives at Macbeth's castle?
9. Why does Macbeth tell his wife that she should have only male children?