

- The witches plot to see Macbeth whilst he is fighting heroically against Norway.
- The witches give three prophecies: Macbeth will be Thane of Cawdor and then King. Banquo's sons will be King. The first prophecy comes true.
- In Shakespeare's time, belief in witchcraft was strong. King James I was paranoid about witches, and they were hunted and killed in the 1600s.

- Lady Macbeth asks the spirits to take away her femininity so she can be strong.
- Lady Macbeth manipulates Macbeth into killing the King despite his doubts.
- Women had very little rights during this period: they couldn't vote or own property. Most women obeyed the men in their lives, making Lady Macbeth's behaviour shocking.

- Macbeth hallucinates a dagger and believes it is a sign to kill the King.
- Macbeth goes through with the murder, but immediately feels intense guilt.
- Macbeth has broken the Divine Right of Kings (the belief that the King is chosen by God and answers only to God) and the Great Chain of Being (the theory that everyone has their rightful place with God at the top and insects at the bottom).

- Banquo voices his suspicions about how Macbeth became has become King.
- Macbeth gives a soliloquy on his fears over Banquo. He is worried that Banquo knows he killed Duncan and that Banquo's sons will take his place. He plots to have Banquo and Fleance murdered. Banquo is murdered but Fleance survives.
- Macbeth hallucinates the ghost of Banquo as he is overcome with guilt.

- Macbeth goes to see the witches again. They tell him nothing will happen unless Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane Castle and that he cannot be harmed by anyone born from a woman. He thinks he is invincible.
- Macbeth has Macduff's family killed as a warning.
- Macduff and Malcolm meet, plot vengeance and gain help from the English army.

- Lady Macbeth sleepwalks and confesses. She has clearly lost her sanity.
- Macbeth prepares for battle against the English army. The prophecies come true: the woods move (the soldiers use trees as camouflage) and Macduff kills Macbeth because he was born by caesarean.
- Malcolm takes the throne of Scotland.



<u>Simile</u>	Used to make a comparison between two things, using the words <i>as</i> or <i>like</i> .
<u>Metaphor</u>	Used to make a direct comparison between two things (<i>as</i> or <i>like</i> are not used).
<u>Prophecy</u>	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
<u>Foreshadowing</u>	A warning or hint of something that will happen in the future.
<u>Manipulation</u>	To control someone through clever but immoral ways.
<u>Emasculate</u>	To strip a man of his masculinity.
<u>Patriarchy</u>	A society controlled by men in which they use their power to their own advantage.
<u>Regicide</u>	The action of killing a King.
<u>Treason</u>	The crime of betraying your country.
<u>Soliloquy</u>	When someone speaks their inner thoughts out loud.
<u>Hallucination</u>	Seeing or hearing something imaginary or not there.
<u>Supernatural</u>	Something beyond what is human and natural; ghostly, other-worldly.
<u>Apparition</u>	A ghostly creature or vision.
<u>Tragedy</u>	A play involving the downfall of a once great person.
<u>Tyrant</u>	A ruler who is controlling, cruel and violent to their people.