

Macbeth Act 1 Questions

Directions: The secret to getting full credit on reading questions is to answer the questions fully. It will take more than one sentence to answer each one fully. Questions must be written in full, grammatically correct, capitalized, and punctuated sentences. Partial answers will only receive partial credit. Want to impress me, quote the text in your answers.

Act I, Scene I Questions

1. What do you think “fair is foul, and foul is fair means”?
2. The play opens on the Scottish moors, what effect does this setting have on the tone of the play?

Act I, Scene II Questions

3. What do we learn about Macbeth’s strengths from the information revealed in this scene?
4. What will happen to the Thane of Cawdor for his treachery?

Act I, Scene III

5. What do we learn about the nature of the witches based on the story about the sailor’s wife?
6. What are the prophecies shared with Macbeth and Banquo?
7. How does each man react to the prophecies- do they have the same reaction or are they different?
8. What does each man’s reaction say about their personalities?

Act I, Scene IV

9. How does the rebel than react to his execution?
10. How do we begin to see Macbeth’s ambition stirring inside him?