

Macbeth Act 4 Questions

1. What knowledge does Macbeth seek from the weird sisters in Act IV, Scene i? Why is it so important for him to have this information?
2. Three apparitions appear to Macbeth in this scene. What does each one represent and what influence do you think they will have on Macbeth moving forward?
3. Macduff escapes to England at the end of Act IV, Scene i- this fills Macbeth with dread. Explain why.
4. Back in Act II, Macbeth kills Duncan offstage. In Act IV, Scene ii, the Macduffs are murdered on stage. How does this difference in location affect the reader/audience differently? Why do you think Shakespeare made this choice?
5. In Act IV, Scene iii there is an extensive conversation between Malcolm and Macduff. Malcolm begins the scene with a gruesome string of lies to Macduff. Why does he initially lie, and what happens that makes him become truthful again?