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Macbeth

**Act Five- Comprehension Check**

Directions: To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the play, answer the following questions.

Scene 1

1. Why is the doctor visiting the Macbeth household?
2. What strange behavior has Lady Macbeth been exhibiting?
3. What does she say?
4. What does the doctor say Lady Macbeth needs?
5. What does he tell Lady Macbeth’s gentlewoman to do for her?

Scene 2

1. Who has gathered to fight Macbeth?
2. Where have they planned to meet?
3. What has Macbeth done in response to the insurgence?

Scene 3

1. What is Macbeth thinking about at the beginning of this scene?
2. How does he try to convince himself that he should not be afraid?
3. What does the servant report to Macbeth?
4. What does Macbeth want Seyton to do for him?
5. What does Macbeth tell the doctor to do for Lady Macbeth?
6. What is the doctor’s reaction to Macbeth’s request?

Scene 4

1. What orders does Malcolm give to Birnam?
2. Why is that important?

Scene 5

1. What is Macbeth’s reaction to the news of his wife’s death?
2. In this scene, Macbeth speaks some of the most famous lines in Shakespeare: *“Out, out brief candle! / Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player/ That struts his hour upon the stage/ And then is heard no more. It is a tale/ Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / Signifying nothing.”* What does this quote reveal abut Macbeth’s feelings about life and death?
3. What news does the messenger bring to Macbeth?
4. Why is this news unsettling to him?

Scene 7

1. Who does Macbeth kill?
2. Why does Macbeth feel safe now?
3. Who shows up looking for Macbeth?

Scene 8

1. Why does Macbeth hesitate to kill Macduff?
2. What doe we learn about Macduff?
3. Hoe does Macbeth regain some sense of manhood in his last moments of life?
4. What news does Ross break to Old Siward?
5. What trophy does Macduff bring to the people of Scotland?
6. Who becomes King?
7. Why is this ending surprising, considering the witches’ predictions?
8. Are the witches to blame for Macbeth’s eventual death? WHY or WHY NOT?