

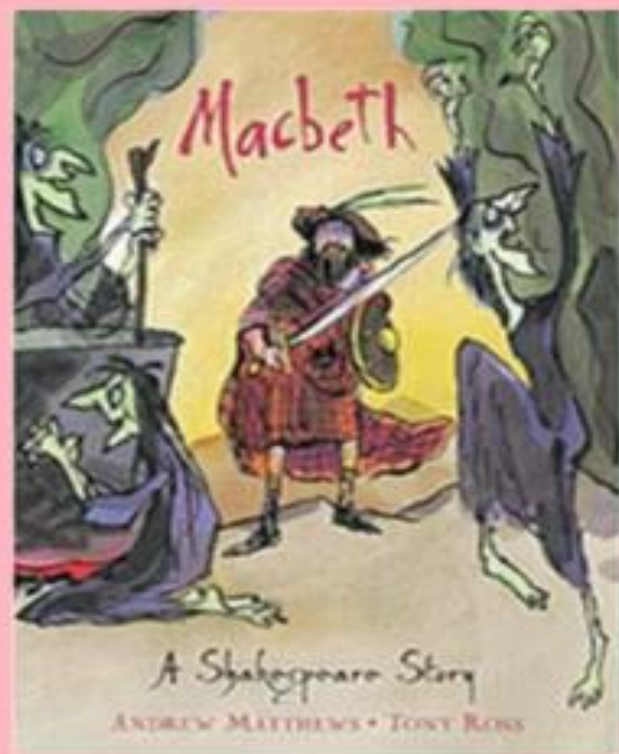
Tuesday 23rd June, 2020.

LO: To deduce the meaning of words in context from a text and infer information.

Read p 7 - 15 independantly.

SC:

- to be able to deduce the meaning of words from the context they have been written in



Vocabulary

infer  
deduce  
predict  
dialect  
context

descriptive language



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# Cast List



The Three Witches - or Weird Sisters



Macbeth

Thane of Glamis  
General to King Duncan



Lady Macbeth

Wife to Macbeth



Banquo

General to King Duncan



King Duncan

King of Scotland





Malcolm and Donalbain

The King's sons



Macduff

Thane of Fife



A servant of  
Glamis Castle



Two  
Murderers

The Scene

Scotland in the eleventh century.

*When shall we three meet again?*

*In thunder, lightning, or in rain?*

*When the hurly-burly's done,*

*When the battle's lost and won.*

First and Second Witches; I.i.



# Macbeth



All day, the three witches waited on the edge of the battlefield. Hidden by mist and magic, they watched the Scottish army win a victory over the invading forces of Norway, and after the fight was done they lingered on, gloating over the moans of the dying.

As thunder rolled overhead and rain lashed down, one of the witches raised her long, hooked nose to the wind and sniffed like a dog taking a scent. "He will be here soon," she said.







The second witch stroked the tuft of silvery hair that sprouted from her chin, and grinned, showing her gums. "I hear the sound of hooves, sisters," she said.

The third witch held up a piece of rock crystal in front of her milky, blind eyes. Inside the crystal, something seemed to move. "I see him!" she screeched. "He comes! Let the spell begin."



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Two Scottish generals rode slowly away from the battlefield, their heads lowered against the driving rain.



One was Macbeth, the Thane of Glamis, the bravest soldier in King Duncan's army. He was tall, broad-shouldered and had a warrior's face, broken-nosed and scarred from old fights.



His companion and friend, Banquo was younger and slimmer, with a mouth that was quick to smile, although he wasn't smiling now.

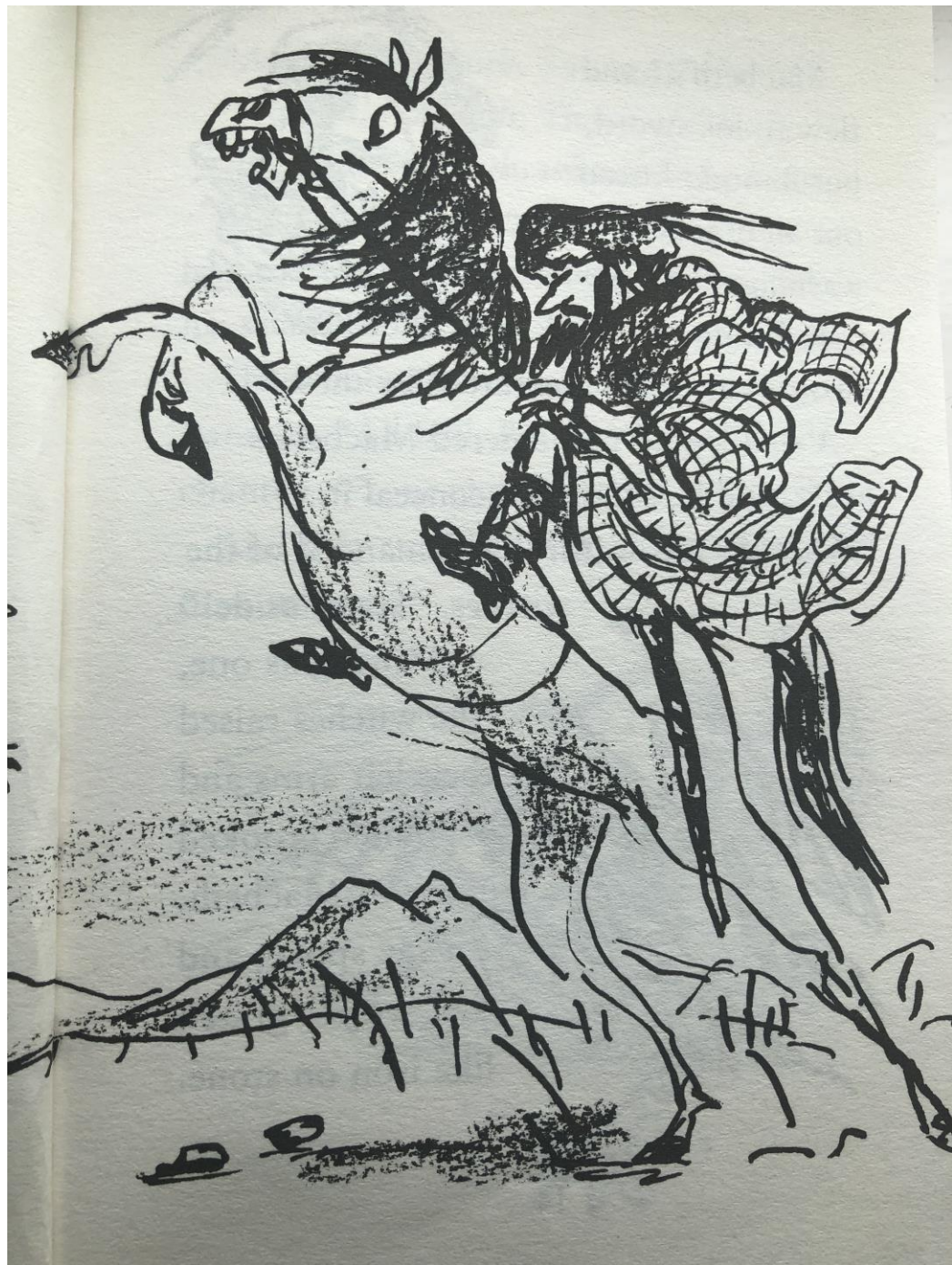
Macbeth's dark eyes were distant as he recalled the details of the day's slaughter. 'A hard fight to protect an old, feeble King,' he thought. 'If I ruled Scotland...' His mind drifted off into a familiar daydream: he saw himself seated on the throne, with the golden crown of Scotland circling his brow...



Suddenly his horse reared and whinnied, its eyes rolling in terror. Macbeth struggled to control the horse, and at that moment a bolt of lightning turned the air violet. In the eerie light he saw three weird hags barring the way, their wild hair and ragged robes streaming like tattered flags in the wind.







Macbeth's hand  
flew to his sword,  
but Banquo hissed  
out an urgent  
warning. "No, my  
friend! I do not think  
swords can harm creatures like these."



A small, cold fear entered Macbeth's  
heart, and he snarled to conceal it.

"What do you want?" he demanded of the  
witches. "Stand aside!"

Moving as one,  
the witches raised  
their left arms and  
pointed crooked  
fingers at Macbeth.

They spoke, and  
their voices grated  
like iron on stone.





*"All hail, Macbeth, Thane of Glamis!"*  
*"All hail, Macbeth, Thane of Cawdor!"*  
*"All hail, Macbeth, who shall be King!"*

Macbeth gave a startled gasp – how had these withered crones come to read his secret thoughts?

The witches turned their fingers to Banquo. "All hail, Banquo!" they chanted. "Your children shall be kings!"

And they vanished like a mist of breath on a mirror.



"Were they ghosts?" Banquo whispered in amazement.

"They were madwomen!" snorted Macbeth. "How can I be Thane of Cawdor? He is alive and well and one of King Duncan's most trusted friends."

"And how could my children be kings if you took the throne?" Banquo asked.





LO: To infer information from a text.

Task 3: p7-15



1. What does 'gloating' (pg 7) mean?
2. Look at the illustration of the witches on page 7.
3. Think of three adjectives to describe them?
4. Where is there an example of a simile on page 8? What does it mean? How effective is it?
5. Find and copy a word on page 11 that means the same as 'weak'.
6. Try performing the chant on page 15, beginning "All hail, Macbeth..."
7. How could you make it sound frightening, threatening and spooky?
8. What does the word 'thane' mean?

Task 3:



1. What is the weather like on the battlefield?
2. How do you know?
3. What do you think the crystal allows the third witch to do (pg 9)?
4. Read page 11. Why do you think Banquo isn't smiling?
5. How do you know the horse is scared on page 12?
6. What might Macbeth be thinking and feeling on pages 14 and 15?
7. In the play, when Banquo sees the witches he says, "What are these/ So withered and so wild in their attire/That look not like th' inhabitants o' th' Earth/ And yet are on 't?"
8. Explain what he might be saying about the witches?





## Task 2:



### **Predict:**

Do you think Macbeth will become king?



### **Retrieve:**

1. How have the witches remained undetected all day?
2. Which two sides are fighting in the battle?
3. The second witch has a tuft of black hair sprouting from her chin. True or false?
4. What are the names of the two Scottish generals?
5. Use the information on page 10 to draw and label a picture of Macbeth.



### **Explain:**

1. What is an 'inhabitant o' th' Earth' and why don't the witches look like one?
2. On page 12, the hags' robes are 'streaming like tattered flags in the wind'.
3. Why do you think the author has chosen this simile?
4. Where else might we see 'tattered flags'? (An interesting link to make here with the battlefield!)
5. Look at pages 14 and 15. How does the author make the witches seem mysterious and scary?