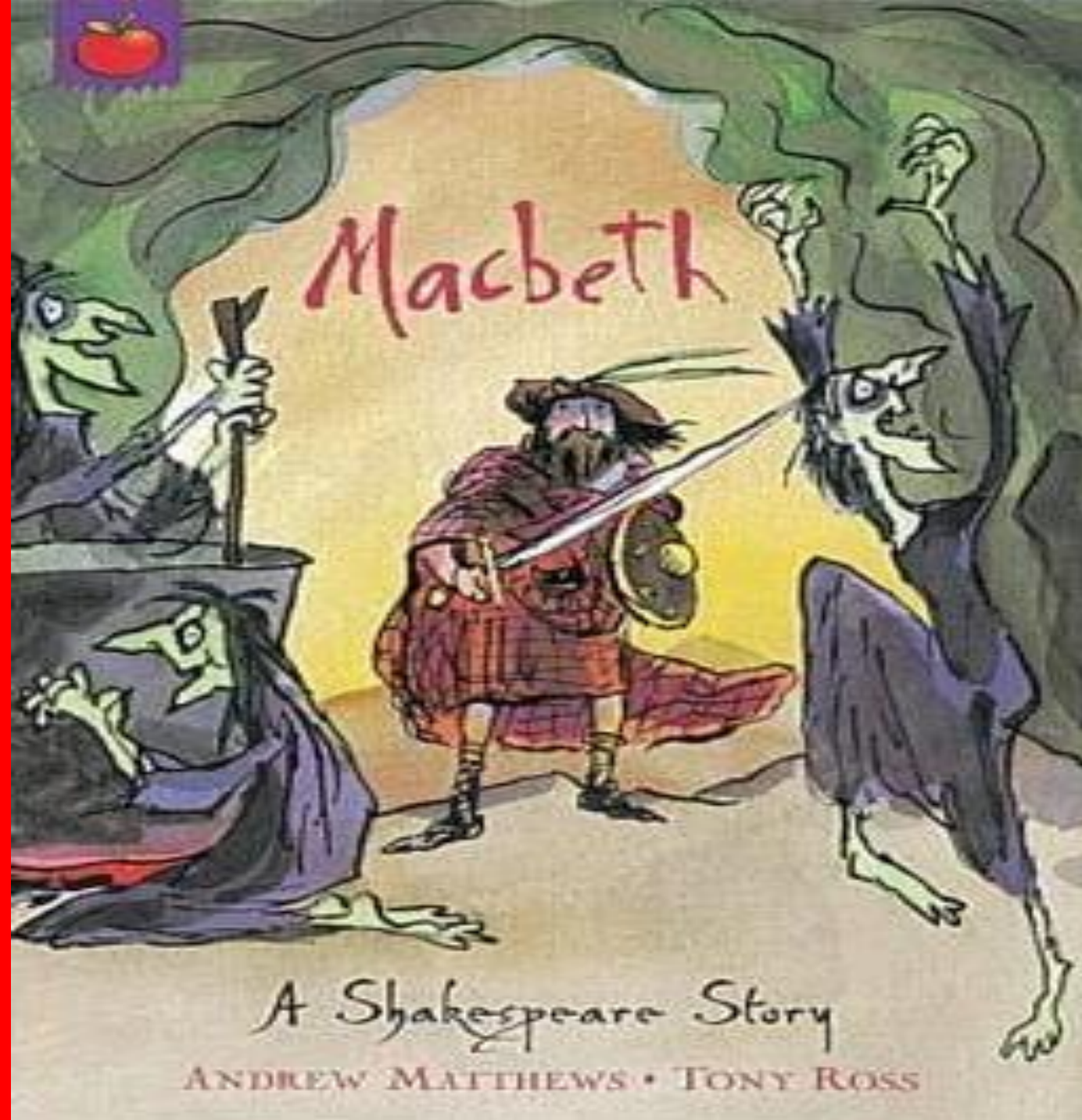
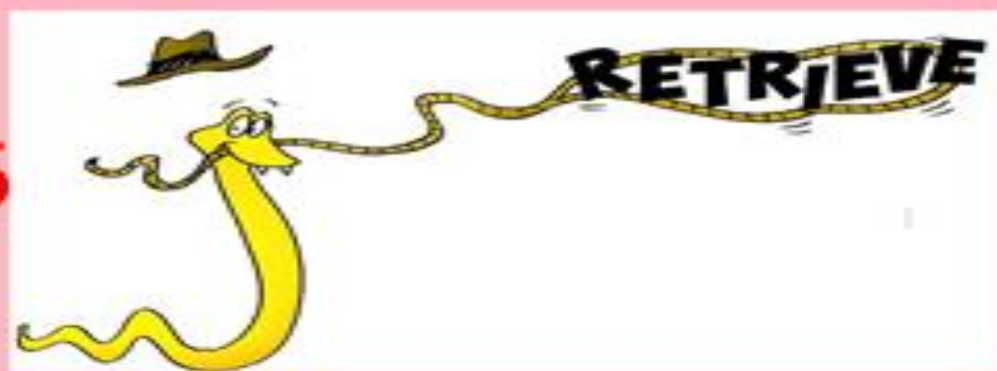
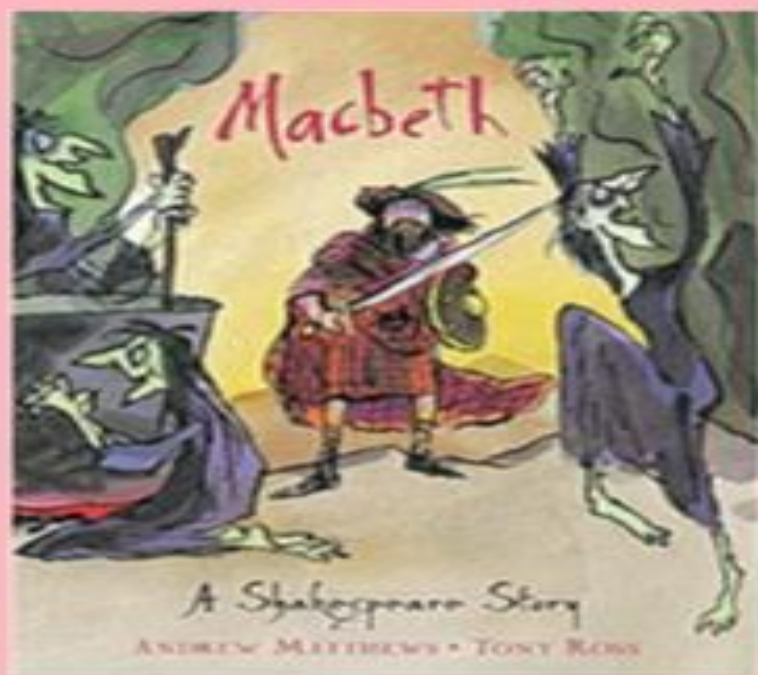




Wednesday 24th June, 2020.

LO: To retrieve and infer information from a text.

Read p 16 - 25



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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.

"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.

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The sound of hoofbeats made both men turn their heads. Out of the rain appeared a royal herald. He pulled his horse to a halt and lifted a hand in salute. "I bring great news!" he announced. "The Thane of Cawdor has confessed to treason and has been executed. The King has given his title and lands to you, noble Macbeth. He has proclaimed you as his heir, after his sons Malcolm and Donalbain. All hail, Macbeth, Thane of Glamis *and* Cawdor!"



Macbeth's face turned deathly pale. 'So the witches told the truth?' he thought. 'Only Duncan and his sons stand between me and the crown! My wife must know of this – I will write to her tonight.'



Macbeth was so deep in thought that he didn't notice the troubled look that

Banquo gave him.

The witches had left a scent of evil in the air, and Banquo seemed to smell it clinging to his friend.



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Lady Macbeth stood at the window of her bedchamber, gazing out at the clouds gathering above the turrets of Glamis Castle. In her right hand, she held the letter from her husband, and its words echoed through her mind. "Glamis, Cawdor, King, you could have them all!" she whispered. "But I know you too well, my lord. You want greatness, but you shrink from what you must do to get it. If only..."



There was a knock at the door. Lady Macbeth started and turned, her long black hair whispering against the green silk of her gown. "Come!" she called.



A servant entered. "A message from Lord Macbeth, my lady," he said. "He bids you prepare a royal banquet, for the King will stay at Glamis tomorrow night."

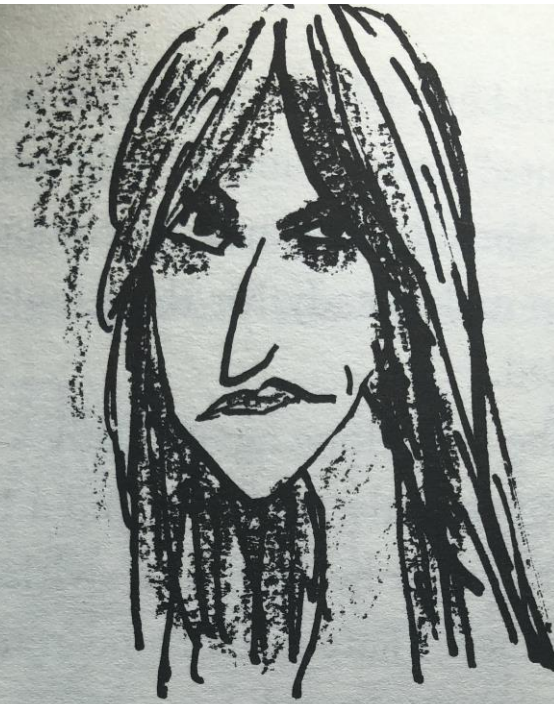
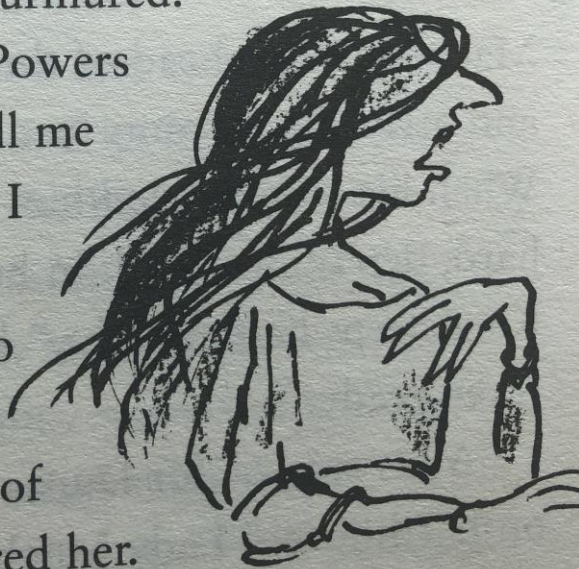
"What?" Lady Macbeth gasped in amazement. "Are you mad?" She quickly recovered herself. "Go and tell the other servants to make ready for the King!" she commanded.

When she was alone again, Lady Macbeth opened the window, and a blast of cold air caught her hair and swirled it about her face. "Fate leads Duncan to Glamis!" she murmured.

"Come to me, Powers of Darkness! Fill me with cruelty, so I may teach my husband how to be ruthless!"

A low growl of thunder answered her.

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Macbeth rode ahead of the King's party, and arrived at Glamis just after sunrise. When his wife greeted him he noticed a hard, determined look in her eyes. "The King sleeps here tonight," he said. "Is his room ready?"

"All is ready...for Duncan's last night on Earth!" said Lady Macbeth.

"What do you mean?" Macbeth asked.

"I will put a sleeping-potion in a jug of wine and send it to the guards at the King's door," Lady Macbeth said quickly.

"They will sleep like babes. It will be easy for you to slip into Duncan's room."



"No! I cannot!" Macbeth groaned.

Lady Macbeth's face twisted into a sneer. "This is your real chance to be King," she said. "Are you too cowardly to take it?"

"I am no coward!" snapped Macbeth.

"Then prove it!" Lady Macbeth hissed. "Kill the old man and take the throne!"



Once more, the strange force moved through Macbeth, flowing into him from his wife until he was unable to resist. 'All hail, Macbeth, who shall be King!' he thought, and he could almost feel the crown upon his head.



Task 1: p 16 - 25

1. Find and copy a word on page 17 that is similar in meaning to 'messenger'.
2. Replace the words **underlined** with synonyms: "Fill me with **cruelty**, so I may teach my husband how to be **ruthless!**" **screamed** Lady Macbeth as the thunder **rumbled**." 
3. What has happened to the previous Thane of Cawdor? Why has he been executed?
4. What message does the servant bring on pages 20 and 21?
5. ***Complete this sentence:***
Lady Macbeth says she will put a _____ into a jug of _____ so the _____ sleep and Macbeth can slip into _____ room and murder him.



Task 1:

1. Why does Banquo ask if the witches are ghosts (pg 16)?
2. What might Macbeth be thinking and feeling on page 16 when he hears he is now the Thane of Cawdor?
3. Read page 18. Do you think Banquo is worried about Macbeth? 
4. Use evidence from the text. What are your first impressions of Lady Macbeth?
5. Read page 19. How does Lady Macbeth feel about her husband? 
6. How would she describe him? Lady Macbeth is only trying to do what's best for her husband. Do you agree? Use evidence from the text.
7. How does Lady Macbeth persuade Macbeth to commit murder? 

Task 2: Choose your challenge.

Read p16 - 25



Re-write pages 12-18 from Banquo's point of view



Write a summary of Lady Macbeth's plan to murder the king.



Lady Macbeth gives the following advice to Macbeth:



“Your face, mythane, is as a book where men May read strange matters.... Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent under it!” (l.v)

a) What do you think she means?

b) How could you summarise her advice by re-writing it in modern day English?

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Predict:



What do you think Macbeth will do?