

Macbeth Act III

Provide act, scene and line references to support answers wherever possible.

No need to transcribe the quote, just write down Act, scene, lines.

1. What does Banquo's opening soliloquy reveal about his character?
2. What reasons does Macbeth offer why Banquo must be killed? Outline all the reasons why Macbeth wants to Kill Banquo.
3. Rather than order the murderers to kill Banquo, Macbeth converses with them at length. Why?
4. What is the state of mind of both Lady Macbeth and Macbeth in III.ii? What reasons are suggested?
5. In scene ii, Macbeth states that he will "...Acquaint you with the perfect spy o'th'time..." (III.i. 129). How much does the third murderer know of Banquo's habits?
6. Scene iv marks the beginning of Macbeth's downfall. List the various setbacks he suffers during this scene.
7. Compare and articulate the behaviour of the two Macbeths during scene iv.
8. What is the dramatic purpose of scene vi?
9. In a five act play, Act III is considered the climax. By the end of this act, what features have presented themselves that appear climactic?