

# Macbeth : characters

Match the character name in the boxes below to the description of each character. Write the name in the box provided.

Macbeth	Lady Macbeth	The Porter	Macduff
Duncan	Banquo	Malcolm	The Witches

	This trio of 'secret, black, and midnight hags' are evil trouble-makers. They plot to meet Macbeth on a blasted heath. Their fortune-telling spurs Macbeth onto murder. They trick him into believing that he is immortal.
	He is a drunken door-keeper who imagines himself at the gates of hell. He is slow to answer the urgent knocking and admit Macduff to the castle. He is a comic figure whose lewd banter gives Macbeth time to change and wash after knifing Duncan.
	He and his brother, Donalbain, are the main suspects for the murder of their royal father. He flees Scotland for exile in England. He tests Macduff's integrity and gains English support for an invasion of Scotland. He commands his army to cut branches from Birnam forest to camouflage the march on Dunsinane. He is the rightful heir to the throne and restores order.
	He is the loyal Thane of Fife who discovers Duncan's corpse. He refuses to attend Macbeth's coronation and leads the crusade to dethrone him. He seeks revenge for the slaughter of his wife and young son. He was 'from his mother's womb / Untimely ripp'd' and kills Macbeth in hand-to-hand combat.
	He is a courageous and faithful soldier. The witches prophesy that his children will inherit the throne of Scotland. He resists his ambitious thoughts and chooses to keep his 'allegiance clear' to the king. He suspects his friend, Macbeth, of foul play but keeps his fears to himself and is silenced by murder.
	He is the rightful king of Scotland and an honourable ruler who is well respected. He executes the traitorous first Thane of Cawdor. He is a generous guest who presents his hostess with a diamond. His trusting nature is his downfall. He is stabbed to death in his bed.
	She is ruthless in her ambition for the crown and summons demons to help her commit murder. She manipulates her husband with sharp-tongued taunts about his manhood. She deflects suspicion from Macbeth by fainting. She sleepwalks nightly and obsessively tries to wash her hands clean of imaginary blood. She is driven mad by her guilty conscience and kills herself.
	This brave warrior is rewarded for his loyalty to Duncan with the title of Thane of Cawdor. He meets three witches who prophesy that he will become King. He is easily led into committing murder by a goading wife and his own ambition for the throne. He is haunted by a vision of Banquo's ghost. He becomes a tyrant who feels life is meaningless. He is killed in combat by Macduff.