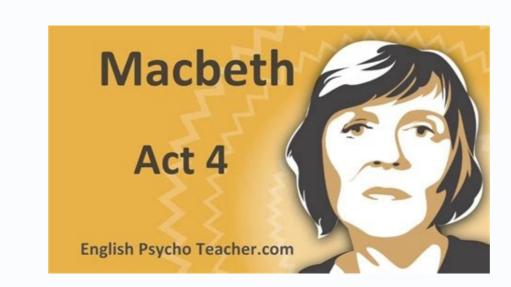
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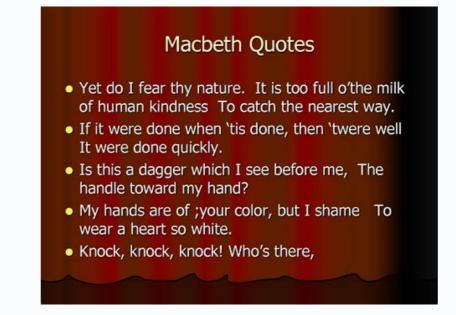


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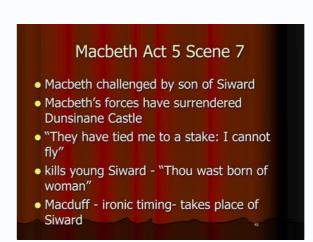
Why then, alas, Do I put up that womanly defence To say I have done no harm? (IV.ii.77-79) Also, her quote right before these lines echoes the opening warning of the play from the witches who claimed that "Fair is foul, and foul is fair." Lady Macduff, noting the illogical reality of the world in which bad deeds are sometimes praised and good deeds are sometimes punished, sees no point in defending herself:

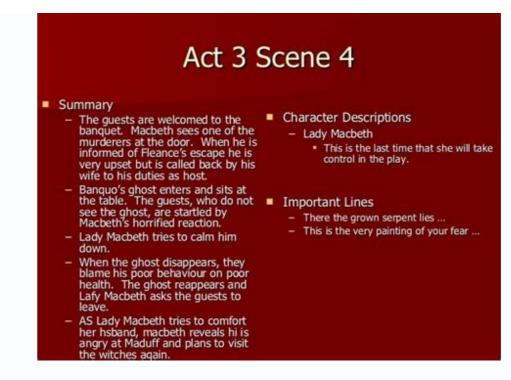
But I remember now I am in this earthly world, where to do harm Is often laudable, to do good sometime Accounted dangerous folly. (IV.ii.74-77) In a world where such things occur, Lady Macduff notes that it is pointless to defend herself, right or wrong though she might be.



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- Malcolm: Seems to be well-informed about what is going on; makes an intelligent and clear report of Cawdor's death
- Macbeth: Is revealed here as the polished nobleman, skilled in the art of courtly talk; his elaborate language lacks the forthright sincerity of Banquo's short remark; plays part of humble and loyal servant of king while confident in his mind that fate will give him the throne; quickly changes his plan to murder and hastens to his home when Duncan announces his successor is to be Malcolm.
- Banquo: His one short speech is straightforward and sincere; he is not jealous of Macbeth.

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