

## Macbeth questions

1. Do Macbeth and Lady Macbeth become wholly evil?
2. “The play *Macbeth* can be regarded as a treatise on the dangers, responsibilities and methods of leadership.” Discuss.
3. What does the play *Macbeth* show us are the limitations and potentials of human nature?
4. What view of the supernatural does the play present?
5. “It is Macbeth’s imagination that makes him heroic.” Discuss
6. What view of madness does the play present?

## *Macbeth*: Essay Topics

1. The supernatural plays an important role in *Macbeth*. To what extent does it motivate Macbeth's actions?
2. Discuss King Duncan and examine what contribution he makes to the play.
3. In constructing *Macbeth*, Shakespeare dramatically altered historical characters to enhance certain themes. Examine Shakespeare's sources and discuss why he made these radical changes.
4. Is Lady Macbeth more responsible than Macbeth for the murder of King Duncan? Is Lady Macbeth a more evil character than her husband and, if so, why?
5. The sleepwalking scene in Act V is one of the most memorable in all of drama. Relate this scene to the overall play and examine what makes Lady Macbeth's revelation so provoking.
6. Choose two of the minor characters in *Macbeth* and examine how they contribute to the play's action.
7. The witches tell Banquo that he will be the father of future kings. How does Banquo's reaction reveal his true character?
8. Examine Macbeth's mental deterioration throughout the play.