

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 432 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

4. Compare Scenes In Act Three, Scene 4, Macbeth thinks he sees Banquo’s ghost.

How does Lady Macbeth react? _____

In Act Five, Scene 1, what does Lady Macbeth do? _____

What made her change? _____

5. Examine Shakespearean Drama Both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth changed during the play. Label each set of adjectives “Macbeth” or “Lady Macbeth.”

a) honorable and brave → ambitious and murderous → self-questioning and noble

b) loyal and persuasive → ambitious and cruel → guilt-ridden and suicidal

6. Interpret Figurative Language Reread Scene 5, lines 19–28. To what does Macbeth compare life? Why?

7. Analyze Shakespearean Tragedy Think about the changes in Macbeth. Look back at the character traits for Macbeth in question 5. Then complete the following sentence.

Macbeth could be considered a *tragic hero* rather than a villain because _____

8. Synthesize Themes *Macbeth* delivers a lesson about impulses and desires. What is it?