

THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH: ACT IV

COPY MASTER

Question Support**LITERARY ANALYSIS**

For questions 1–3, see page 417 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

4. Recognize Cause and Effect An effect is the direct result of a cause.

CAUSE: Macbeth sees apparitions. (Scene 1, lines 69–124) →

EFFECT: _____

CAUSE: Macbeth murders Macduff's family. (Scene 2, lines 76–81) →

EFFECT: _____

5. Examine Shakespearean Drama Look at your notes about Macbeth. Think about how Macbeth reacts to the apparitions. Circle the two words that best describe him now.

a. bloodthirsty **b.** reckless **c.** humble **d.** passive

6. Analyze Shakespearean Tragedy Match each apparition with the event it foreshadows, or warns about. Write the letter of the event on the line beside the correct apparition.

____ Armed Head	a. Banquo's heirs will rule.
____ Bloody Child	b. Macduff will kill Macbeth
____ Eight Kings	c. Someone of unusual birth will kill Macbeth.

7. Analyze Rhythm and Rhyme Reread Scene 1, lines 4–38. Underline the sentence that explains the effect of the witches' chant on the audience.

- a.** It casts a spell on the audience.
b. It provides a singsong rhythm that helps the audience remember the words.
c. It lightens the mood of the play and gives some relief from tragedy.

8. Compare Characters Underline the words that describe Lady Macbeth. Circle the words that describe Lady Macduff. Which two words describe them both?

a. loyal **b.** active **c.** gentle **d.** courageous **e.** passive **f.** cruel

9. Draw Conclusions Complete the following sentence: Macduff does not expect Macbeth to harm his family because _____
