

## Reading Check

**Directions:** Read the questions below and think about the characters and events in Act One of *Macbeth*. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. The play opens at the end of a battle. The King receives a report of Macbeth's actions in the battle. What is the report?

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2. When the witches greet Macbeth and Banquo, their greetings are prophecies. What were the prophecies?

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3. After hearing that Malcolm is Duncan's choice as heir to the throne, Macbeth wants the stars to hide their light so that his "black and deep desires" will not be seen. To what is he referring?

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4. What thoughts about Duncan does Macbeth have that conflict with his "black and deep desires"?

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5. What is the plot that Lady Macbeth devises?

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