

THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH: ACT III

COPY MASTER

Literary Analysis

SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY: DRAMATIC IRONY

Dramatic irony is the contrast created when the audience knows more about a situation than the character knows. Shakespeare uses dramatic irony to build suspense.

Directions: Skim Act Three for remarks that create dramatic irony. Record the scene and line numbers in the first column of the chart. Then tell what the characters think or say in the second column. In the third column, explain what the audience knows in each situation.

Scene, Lines	What Characters Think or Say	What Audience Knows

How does dramatic irony in *Macbeth* help to create suspense?

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