

William Shakespeare
Macbeth
Act 2 Scene 2

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1. The scene opens with Lady Macbeth expressing total confidence in herself.
 - Explain in your own words how you know this. (2)
 - Is Lady Macbeth actually full of confidence? Explain. (4)
 - What plans does Lady Macbeth have to assist Macbeth in the murder? (2)
 - Do you believe Lady Macbeth when she says that she would have murdered the king if it were not for the fact that he reminded her of her father? (4)

2. Macbeth says, "This is a sorry sight."
 - What is a sorry sight? (2)

3. Macbeth is very troubled that, when the two chamberlains pray together, he is unable to join in their prayers.
 - Why does this trouble him? (5)

4. Macbeth hears a voice that cries, "Sleep no more! Macbeth doth murder sleep."
 - Where in the play did we, the audience, first hear words of a similar nature? (2)
 - Macbeth has essentially botched the murder, hasn't he? Explain how. (4)
 - Already Macbeth regrets murdering Duncan. How do we know? (4)

5. Macbeth, in speaking about sleep, says that sleep is "great Nature's second course". What does he mean by this? (4)

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