

William Shakespeare
Macbeth
Act 5 Scene 8 & 9

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SCENE 8:

1. Why should I play the Roman fool, and die
On mine own sword? whiles I see lives, the gashes
Do better upon them."
 - What does Macbeth mean when he says he will not "play the Roman fool"? (2)

2. "But get thee back, my soul is too much charged
With blood of thine already."
 - What does Macbeth mean by this? (2)
 - Why is Macbeth initially successful in his battle with Macduff? (4)

3. "Despair thy charm;
And let the angel whom thou still hast served
Tell thee, Macduff was from his mother's womb
Untimely ripp'd."
 - How is it that Macduff is not born of woman? (2)
 - Were the witches' speaking the truth when they told Macbeth to fear no-one born of woman? (4)

4. "We'll have thee, as our rarer monsters are,
Painted upon a pole, and underwrit,
'Here may you see the tyrant'."
 - What does Macduff mean by this? (2)

SCENE 9:

5. "We shall not spend a large expense of time
Before we reckon with your several loves,
And make us even with you. My thanes and kinsmen,
Henceforth be earls, the first that ever Scotland
In such an honour named."
 - Explain the changes that Malcolm introduces upon being proclaimed king. (6)
 - If you were a Scottish nobleman, would you trust Malcolm? (8)

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