



## 1.2 Macbeth's Courage

### The audience

Will we meet Macbeth?

Will the witches return?

Can Macbeth defeat the witches?

### Setting

**Location:** the royal camp in an army base

**Conditions:** more protection from the elements than the soldiers in the camp, people coming and going with news and updates.

**Time:** Not specified, but suggestion of daytime due to the plans to meet Macbeth later.

**Space:** This space is owned by Duncan, who everybody is coming to see and consult. He controls the access to the space.

### Character

**Status:** Duncan has the highest status as king, Malcolm, Macbeth's status as hero is established,

**See:** Duncan sees the injuries and horror of the battle. The Captain sees a king who is in control.

**Envy:** Duncan envies the ability of the soldiers to fight. Malcolm envies Macbeth's favour

**Predicament:** Duncan has been betrayed by one of his trusted Thanes and now needs to consider how to stop this happening again during times of war.

**Stakes:** Duncan needs the war to be over. Malcolm needs his father's approval

**Identity/ Unidentity:** Duncan as confident king/worried about those who might be working against him

### Language

**Pre: Scene:** Macbeth and Banquo fighting against the rebel. The Thane of Cawdor's capture for his traitorous deeds.

#### Under poem:

Macdonalawald/that/nature/isles/supplied/smiling/weak/name/steel/execution/passage/slave/him/chaps

**Pronoun:** Macbeth, their, him, he – the focus moves from Banquo and Macbeth to solely Macbeth and Banquo is forgotten.

**Iambic:** inconsistent – mostly when Macbeth's bravery is being reported 'For brave Macbeth /well he deserves that name'

**Hear:** 'Brandished steel', 'smoked' – sibilance allows audience to hear the sword.

'O valiant cousin! worthy gentleman!' – exclamation allows audience to hear his gratitude and relief

### Impact

**See:** A grateful king and loyal servants. Blood and the effects of war.

**Remind:** of the need for a hero to defeat the evil of the witches

**Think:** Will Macbeth be able to defeat the witches? How intelligent is Duncan if he was double-crossed by his Thane?

**Feel:** confident that Macbeth is the hero that they craved after the encounter with the witches.