



Act 5. 5 Macbeth hears the news of his wife's death

Audience

Will the plan work to trick Macbeth?

What will Macbeth do when it is reported that there is a moving wood?

Who will kill Macbeth?

Are we going to see the death of Macbeth?

Setting

Location Inside the castle of Macbeth

Conditions Macbeth instructs the soldiers to hang out the banners on the castle walls to show defiance

Time Anytime from early afternoon to late afternoon – the army is three miles away (36)

Space Macbeth's castle is being undermined by his soldiers deserting (5)

Character

Status Macbeth and then Seyton with Soldiers

See Macbeth sees a servant who has not run away. The messenger sees a king desperate for news

Envy Macbeth envies the servant's ability to leave at any moment

Predicament Macbeth wants to feel something for his dead wife but he has to fight to the death

Stakes He needs perspective – the world for him is falling to peices

Identity/unidentity Assured leader/ despondent mortal/perilous soldier

Language

Pre-scene – where did Macbeth first hear the cry 'They come' who told him the news

Under poem *word/tomorrow/day/time/fools/candle/player/stage/tale/fury/nothing* – The illusion of power/acting the king

Pronoun 17:27 *she/our/his/it* a perfect balance Lady Macbeth/ Lady Macbeth:Macbeth/Macbeth/Our life

Iambic 17 :27 alternative 11/10 and then 12/6 for lines 26:27 why is 27 only 6?

Hear how he begins to doubt the 'equivocation of the fiend' 42 and how he calls for total chaos

Impact

See a man reacting to the death of his wife and the news of a moving wood

Remind the power of the women in the play

Think about what his speech means – this is a world without a God

Feel an allegiance with what he is thinking in the speech

React they need some hope to move from the chaos – otherwise we have a revenge tragedy