



Act 5.6 Malcolm orders his first attack

Audience

Will we see Macbeth get ready for battle? Will we see the other army arrive at the castle?

What will happen when Malcolm and Macbeth meet?

Who else will die in the battle?

Are the witches predictions going to come true?

Setting

Location within eye sight of the castle walls '*now near enough*'

Conditions they put their '*boughs*' down and are ready for battle

Time day time still : Malcolm wants the soldiers to be seen by Macbeth

Space is occupied by the English and Scottish Armies whilst it still belongs to Macbeth

Character

Status Malcolm, Macduff and then Siward and his son

See Malcolm see the disguised soldiers and a two men who will lead the first battle

Envy Malcolm envies that Siward has a son

Predicament Malcolm wants to stay alive he has to send Siward and his son first

Stakes Malcolm needs the crown

Identity/unidentity Malcolm the noble leader/cowardly heir (he has a poor military record)

Language

Pre-scene Malcolm discussing with Macduff who should launch the attack

Under poem *uncle/son/we/do/order/tonight/fight/breath/death* family and death

Pronoun Malcolm uses *you/your* 5 times and *we/our* 7 times. *I* is not used at all – who is responsible?

Iambic why does line 6 only have 7 syllables and Siward completes it in line 8

Hear Is Macduff's plea (9:10) for victory hot air? Compare this with his claims in 4.3

Impact

See A potential king taking charge and sending other men to their death

Remind of how Macbeth rescued him from capture before the play started

Think about the witches predictions and who will kill Macbeth

Feel excited about the prospect of justice/resolution

React want the story to conclude