

# Macbeth

## Two Minute Autobiography

**Macbeth**  
Macbeth is a brave soldier.  
His wife is Lady Macbeth.  
He becomes king after Duncan.  
His wife convinces him to kill Duncan.  
He becomes a tyrant.

**Duncan**  
Duncan is the King of Scotland.  
He is a good man.  
He has a son called Malcolm.  
He is killed by Macbeth.

**Lady Macbeth**  
Lady Macbeth is Macbeth's wife.  
She tells her husband what to do.

**Banquo**  
Banquo is a good soldier.  
He is a friend of Macbeth.  
He has a son called Fleance.  
He loves his king.  
He is the leader of Duncan's army.

**Lady Macbeth**

**Duncan**

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Suitable for pupils aged 10+

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**Theme: Macbeth**  
**Age range: 10+**

### Context:

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### Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets.

If possible, cover the pages of the "character" cards and the page of the "name" cards with 'clear pvc self adhesive film'. Then cut out the squares to make the cards.

### HOW TO PLAY:

Part 1 - Students need to work in pairs or fours. Give each student a "character" card and ask them to spend a few minutes memorising the information on it. Place the cards face down and ask them to tell each other about the character on their cards as if they were that character (e.g. "Hello I'm Duncan. I'm king of Scotland. All my people love me..."). Next, ask each pair to join up with another pair to introduce themselves. Within a pair, each student can either introduce himself in role or introduce his partner. We provided two sets of "character" cards with different colour borders (one with simple sentences).

Part 2 - Students need to work in groups of six. Place the "name" cards face down and ask each student to pick one up and stick it gently with blu-tack to the forehead of another member of the group without letting them see what the card says. The person with the card on their forehead must ask the other members of the group yes/no questions to find out who they are. They can ask up to five questions before they have to make a guess (e.g. "Am I a man? Am I married?...")

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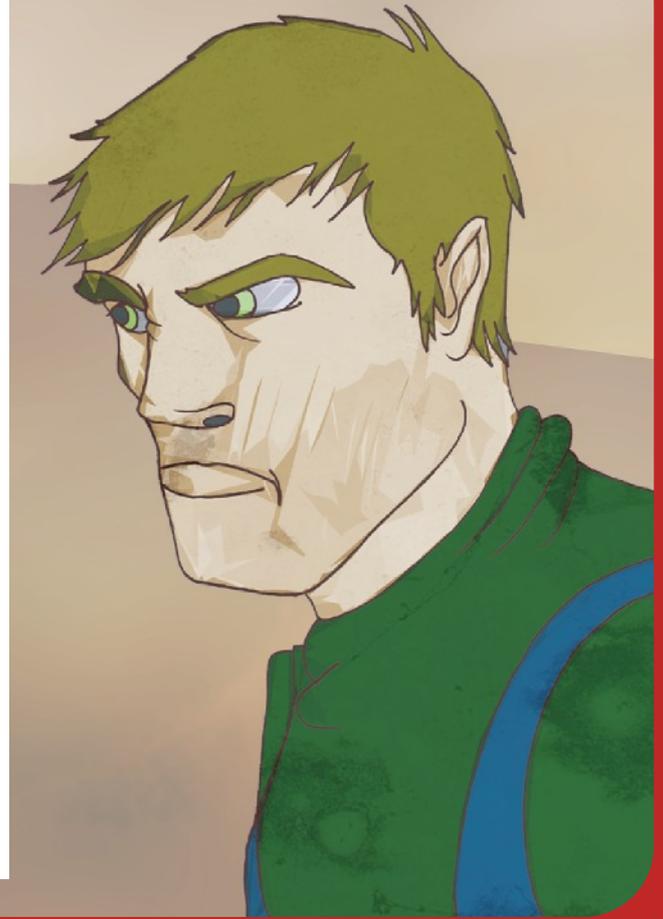
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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from [www.mantralingua.com](http://www.mantralingua.com). Students can use PENpal to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

## Macbeth

Macbeth is a good soldier.  
His wife is Lady Macbeth.  
He loves his wife.  
His wife tells him what to do.  
He does not trust others.  
He is ambitious.



## Duncan

Duncan is King of Scotland.  
He is a kind and good king.  
His people love him.  
He has two sons, Malcom  
and Donalbain.



## Lady Macbeth

Lady Macbeth is Macbeth's wife.

She tells her husband what to do.

She is very ambitious.

She is a dangerous person.



## Banquo

Banquo is a good soldier.

He is a friend of Macbeth.

He has a son called Fleance.

He loves his king.

He is the leader of Duncan's army.



## Macduff

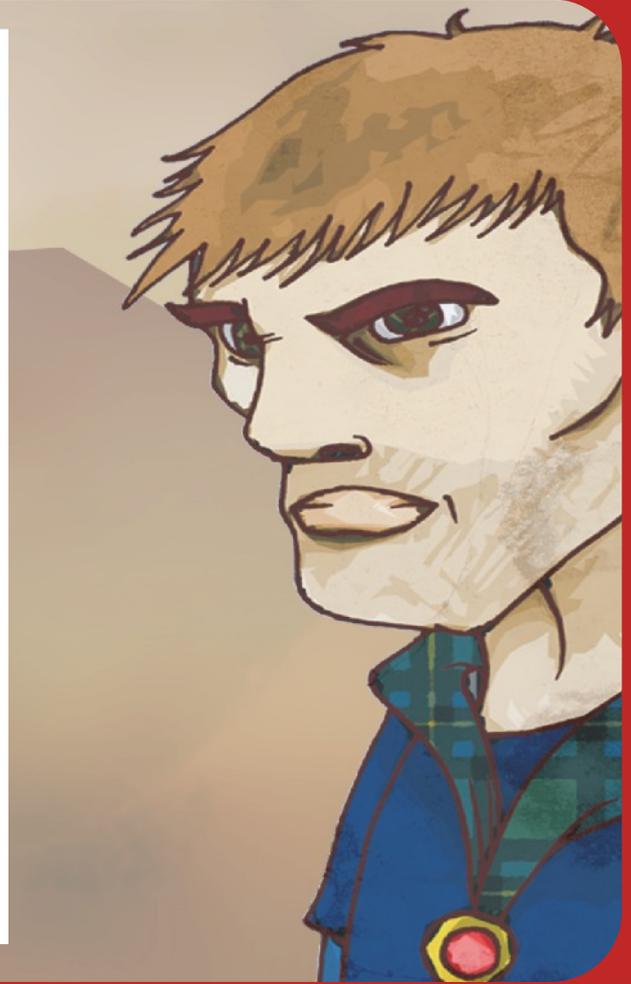
Macduff is a brave soldier.

He is a good man.

He loves his king.

He loves his wife, Lady Macduff.

He will fight for the good.



## Malcolm

Malcolm is King Duncan's  
eldest son.

He loves his father and brother  
Donalbaine.

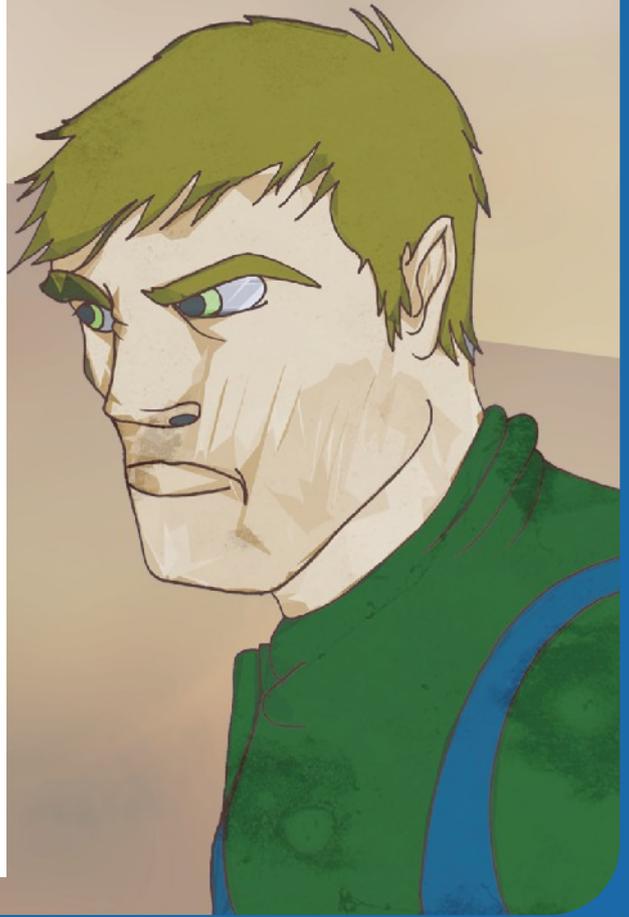
He should be King when his  
father, Duncan, dies.

He does not trust most people.



# Macbeth

Macbeth is a great soldier and a brave fighter. He is ambitious and wants to do well in life. He is married to Lady Macbeth whom he loves. His wife can often persuade him to do what she wants him to do. He is always worried that other people are against him. He finds it difficult to trust people.



# Duncan

Duncan is the King of Scotland. He is a true and gracious king. He rules Scotland justly and is well loved and respected by his people. He has two sons, Malcolm and Donalbain. He loves his sons and wants the best for them.



## Lady Macbeth

Lady Macbeth is Macbeth's wife. She is loyal to Macbeth but not to anyone else. However she is good at pretending to be loyal and honourable. She appears to be a strong person but underneath is weak and cannot cope with guilt. Lady Macbeth can persuade her husband to do what she wants him to do. She is more ambitious than Macbeth.



## Banquo

Banquo with Macbeth is a leader of King Duncan's army. He is a good soldier. He is loyal to his king and to his close friend Macbeth. He is sensible and not easily fooled. He has a son called Fleance who he cares about a lot.



## Macduff

Macduff is a Scottish nobleman. He is a brave soldier who is loyal to King Duncan. He is an honourable man. He does not run from a challenge no matter how dangerous. He has a wife, Lady Macduff, and a family, whom he loves greatly. He believes in revenge and fighting on the side of good.



## Malcolm

He is the eldest son of King Duncan and so is heir to the throne. He is loyal to his father and his brother Donalbain, but he does not trust anyone else.



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