## Homework Scaffolding Tool: Macbeth Act 3.3 and 3.4, Lines 1-41

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**Directions:** Read the scenes in the first column. Answer the questions in the second column. Consult the third column and the explanatory notes in your text for vocabulary and other assistance. Consider listening to this free online recording of *Macbeth* Act 3 as you read the scenes: <a href="http://www.wiredforbooks.org">http://www.wiredforbooks.org</a> (10:39–13:29).

Text: Act 3.3		Questions	Vocabulary
Enter three Murderers.			
First Murderer But who did bid thee join with us?			
Third Murderer Macbeth.			
Second Murderer, to the First Murderer  He needs not our mistrust, since he delivers  Our offices and what we have to do  To the direction just.	5		
First Murderer Then stand with us. The west yet glimmers with some streaks of day; Now spurs the lated traveller apace		What time of day is it?	glimmers (v.) – shines faintly
To gain the timely inn, and near approaches The subject of our watch.	10		
Third Murderer Hark! I hear horses.			
Banquo, within Give us a light there, ho!			
Second Murderer Then 'tis he. The rest That are within the note of expectation Already are i' th' court.	15		
First Murderer His horses go about.			
Third Murderer Almost a mile: but he does usually, (So all men do) from hence to th' palace gate Make it their walk.			
Enter Banquo and Fleance, with a torch.			
Second Murderer A light, a light!	20		
Third Murderer 'Tis he.			
First Murderer Stand to 't.			
Banquo, <sup>r</sup> to Fleance It will be rain tonight.			
First Murderer Let it come down.			





The three Murderers attack.			
BANQUO O, treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly! Thou mayst revenge. O slave!	25	Whom do the Murderers kill?	
He dies. Fleance exits.			
Third Murderer Who did strike out the light?			
First Murderer Was 't not the way?			
<b>Third Murderer</b> There's but one down. The son is fled.	30	What happens to Fleance?	
<b>Second Murderer</b> We have lost best half of our affair.			
First Murderer Well, let's away, and say how much is done.			
They exit.			



Text: Act 3.4, Lines 1–41		Questions	Vocabulary
Banquet prepared.  Enter Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Ross, Lennox, Lords, and Attendants.  Macbeth You know your own degrees; sit down. At first And last the hearty welcome. They sit.  Lords Thanks to your majesty.  Macbeth Ourself will mingle with society, And play the humble host.  Our hostess keeps her state, but in best time	5	What are Macbeth and Lady Macbeth doing?	degrees (n.) – relative status (and hence where you are entitled to sit) mingle (v.) – to associate or mix in company
We will require her welcome.  Lady Macbeth Pronounce it for me, sir, to all our friends; For my heart speaks they are welcome.  Enter First Murderer to the door.  Macbeth See, they encounter thee with their hearts' thanks. Both sides are even: here I'll sit i' the midst: Be large in mirth; anon we'll drink a measure The table round. He approaches the Murderer. There's bloo on thy face.			mirth (n.) – amusement or laughter
First Murderer 'Tis Banquo's then.	15		
Macbeth 'Tis better thee without than he within. Is he dispatched?			dispatched (v.) – killed
First Murderer My lord, his throat is cut. That I did for him.  Macbeth Thou art the best o' the cutthroats, Yet he's good that did the like for Fleance. If thou didst it, thou art the nonpareil.	20	What news does the Murderer have for Macbeth?	
First Murderer Most royal sir, Fleance is 'scaped.			
Macbeth, aside Then comes my fit again: I had else been perfect, Whole as the marble, founded as the rock, As broad and general as the casing air. But now I am cabin'd, cribb'd, confined, bound in To saucy doubts and fears. But Banquo's safe?	25		
First Murderer Ay, my good lord: safe in a ditch he bides, With twenty trenchèd gashes on his head, The least a death to nature.	30	How does Macbeth react to the news?	
Macbeth Thanks for that: There the grown serpent lies; the worm that's fled Hath nature that in time will venom breed,		How does Shakespeare	





No teeth for the present. Get thee gone; to-morrow We'll hear, ourselves, again. <i>Murderer exits.</i>	35	use figurative language to refine Macbeth's	
Lady Macbeth My royal lord, You do not give the cheer. The feast is sold	33	reaction to Fleance's escape?	
That is not often vouched, while 'tis a-making,  'Tis given with welcome. To feed were best at home;			
From thence the sauce to meat is ceremony; Meeting were bare without it.	40		



