

## Homework Scaffolding Tool: *Macbeth* Act 1.4

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**Directions:** Read the scene in the first column. Answer the questions in the second column. Consult the third column and explanatory notes in your text for vocabulary and other assistance.

Consider listening to this free online recording of *Macbeth* Act 1 as you read the scene: [www.wiredforbooks.org](http://www.wiredforbooks.org) (11:34–14:26).

Text: Act 1.4	Questions	Vocabulary
<p><i>[Flourish. Enter Duncan, Malcolm, Donalbain, Lennox, and Attendants]</i></p> <p><b>Duncan</b> Is execution done on Cawdor? 'Are' not Those in commission yet return'd?</p> <p><b>Malcolm</b> My liege, They are not yet come back. But I have spoke With one that saw him die: who did report <span style="float: right;">5</span> That very frankly he confess'd his treasons, Implored your highness' pardon and set forth A deep repentance: nothing in his life Became him like the leaving it; he died <span style="float: right;">10</span> As one that had been studied in his death To throw away the dearest thing he owed, As 'twere a careless trifle.</p> <p><b>Duncan</b> There's no art To find the mind's construction in the face: He was a gentleman on whom I built <span style="float: right;">15</span> An absolute trust.</p>	<p><b>Cawdor is dead. What do lines 4–12 show about how Cawdor dealt with his own execution?</b></p> <p><b>How did Duncan feel about Cawdor?</b></p> <p><b>Duncan states: "There's no art / To find the mind's construction in the face" What does this mean?</b></p>	<p>in commission (idiom) – in service</p> <p>repentance (n.) – regret for any past action</p>



<p>In drops of sorrow. Sons, kinsmen, thanes,          And you whose places are the nearest, know          We will establish our estate upon          Our eldest, Malcolm, whom we name hereafter          The Prince of Cumberland; which honour must      45          Not unaccompanied invest him only,          But signs of nobleness, like stars, shall shine          On all deservers. From hence to Inverness,          And bind us further to you.</p> <p><b>Macbeth</b> The rest is labour, which is not used for you.      50          I'll be myself the harbinger and make joyful          The hearing of my wife with your approach;          So humbly take my leave.</p> <p><b>Duncan</b> My worthy Cawdor!</p>		
<p><b>Macbeth</b> <i>[Aside]</i> The Prince of Cumberland! that is a step      55          On which I must fall down, or else o'erleap,          For in my way it lies. Stars, hide your fires;          Let not light see my black and deep desires:          The eye wink at the hand; yet let that be,          Which the eye fears, when it is done, to see.      60</p> <p><i>[He exits]</i></p> <p><b>Duncan</b> True, worthy Banquo; he is full so valiant,          And in his commendations I am fed;          It is a banquet to me. Let's after him,          Whose care is gone before to bid us welcome:          It is a peerless kinsman.      65</p>	<p><b>How does Macbeth's aside recall the words of Duncan earlier in this scene?</b></p> <p><b>Summarize Macbeth's aside:</b></p>	