

# **MACBETH**

## **ACT 1**

# **YEAR 5 AND 6 TIME PROBLEMS**



## **CONTEXT**

The play is set in Scotland. After a strange scene with three witches talking of meeting 'Macbeth' the action turns to news of the battle between the invading Norwegians and the Scottish army. The King of Scotland, Duncan, is told that the Thane of Cawdor is a traitor but it is thanks to the Scottish Generals, Macbeth and Banquo, that the Norwegians have, at last, been defeated. The King decides he will give Macbeth the title of Thane of Cawdor.

On the way back from the battle scene Macbeth and Banquo come across the witches on the heathland. They greet him as Thane of Glamis (what he currently is) and Thane of Cawdor (he doesn't yet know that the king intends to give him this title) and then say that one day he will be King.

When Macbeth and Banquo arrive back at the castle of King Duncan he makes Macbeth Thane of Cawdor but says Malcom will be King. Macbeth writes to his wife, Lady Macbeth telling her about his encounter with the witches and being made Thane of Cawdor. When he returns to their castle to talk to her about King Duncan's visit she tells him to leave the plan to her. She is determined to become Queen and Macbeth to become King.

## **MATHS**

**L.I. To solve problems involving converting between units of time**

**THERE ARE TWO TIME INVESTIGATIONS FOR CHILDREN TO COMPLETE EITHER AS A WHOLE CLASS, IN PARTNERS OR INDIVIDUALLY.**

## TIME INVESTIGATION 1

**THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE SCOTS AND NORWEGIANS  
STARTED AT 9.05AM ON TUESDAY MORNING.**

**IT HAS BEEN RAGING FOR 2 1/2 DAYS.  
3 NORWEGIANS HAVE DIED EVERY HOUR.**

**HOW MANY NORWEGIANS HAVE DIED IN TOTAL?**

## TIME INVESTIGATION 2

**MACBETH AND BANQUO ARRIVE AT KING DUNCAN'S CASTLE AT 9.45PM.**

**THEY FIRST MET THE WITCHES 150 MINUTES BEFORE THEY ARRIVED AT THE CASTLE.**

**THEY SPENT HALF AN HOUR TALKING TO THE WITCHES.**

**HOW LONG DID IT TAKE THEM TO GET TO THE CASTLE FROM THE WITCHES?**

