

## **FACT FINDING: MACBETH**

### **Find out as much as you can about the context of Macbeth**

- 1 Who wrote Macbeth? [William Shakespear](#)
- 2 Which plays are considered his best? [Hamlet & Macbeth](#)
- 3 Where was he born and where did he live when he did most of his writing? (2 places) [Stratford-upon-Avon and London](#)
- 4 What was the name of the theatre he co-owned from 1599? [The Globe Theatre](#)
- 5 What three types of plays did he write, and which type is Macbeth? [Comedies, Tragedies and Histories; Tragedy](#)
- 6 When was Macbeth written? [1606/1607](#)
- 7 Who was King of England at the time it was written and where else did that ruler rule? [King James the 1<sup>st</sup> of Scotland](#)
- 8 What was the name of Shakespeare's acting company? [The King's men](#)
- 9 What is the name of the crime that means sinning against the royal family? [Treason](#)
- 10 What did the English believe about witches in the early 1600s? What would they do if they 'discovered' one? [Wield magic; hanged.](#)
- 11 According to The Divine Right of Kings, kings are put on the throne by whom? [God](#)
- 12 What is the specific name of the crime of killing a king? [Regicide](#)
- 13 Look at the last four letters of your answer to Q10 – can you think of three other words that finish like this?  
[Banged; Winged; Dinged](#)  
How are they connected to your answer to Q10?  
[They all end in nged!](#)

- 14 What infamous event, still commemorated today, happened on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605? [Guy Fawkes](#)
- 15 Who wrote *Daemonologie* in 1597? [James VI and I](#)
- 16 Which Shakespeare plays have you seen or read and what can you remember about them? [I can't remember any; I don't even know if we read it in year 8](#)
- 17 Why are there so many different versions of each Shakespeare play? (Clue: 'Folio.') [Primarily due to the way the plays were printed and shared during Shakespeare's time. Using clue; Folio was published 7 years after his death, where he had not published it, it could demo that people have had to finish it using his style but not him directly.](#)
- 18 Why do you think Shakespeare is regarded so highly by fans of English literature?  
[Shakespeare is highly regarded because his plays cover important and timeless themes, like love, jealousy, and power, that people can relate to no matter when they live. He was also brilliant with words, creating phrases and expressions we still use today. His characters are complex and real, making them interesting to study and perform. Shakespeare was also highly creative in how he wrote stories, mixing different genres and styles, which influenced a lot of future writers and artists. His work is still loved and performed all over the world, showing that his stories still speak to people today.](#)
- 19 Can you think of any famous quotes from Shakespeare's plays?  
["To be or not to be, that is the question" – Hamlet maybe?](#)