**MACBETH eWORKSHEET – #4**

Questions on Act Three

**Directions:** The purpose of this worksheet is to reinforce what you’ve already read and what we’ve discussed in class. Complete each response fully and thoughtfully. Some questions are purely about comprehension; others ask you for analysis and/or interpretation.

**Act 3, Scene I**

1. In his soliloquy, what suspicion and hope does Banquo reveal he’s concerned about?

< highlight this and type response here >

2. Macbeth seems to be very interested in Banquo’s travel plans. Why do you suppose he is

so interested?

< highlight this and type response here >

3. The speech beginning “To be thus is nothing...” is another one often quoted. What is the

meaning of that sentence?

< highlight this and type response here >

4. What is there in Banquo’s character that makes Macbeth uneasy?

< highlight this and type response here >

5. What is there in the situation with Banquo that particularly upsets Macbeth?

< highlight this and type response here >

6. What information about conditions in Scotland does Shakespeare offer through Macbeth’s conversation with the murderers?

< highlight this and type response here >

7. How does Macbeth convince the murderers to kill Banquo and Fleance? (Hint: He makes it personal. How?)

< highlight this and type response here >

**Act 3, Scene II**

8. What is the meaning of Lady Macbeth’s opening speech in this scene?

< highlight this and type response here >

9. What is Macbeth’s state of mind in this scene? How does Shakespeare reveal it?

< highlight this and type response here >

10. What is significant about Macbeth’s instructions to Lady Macbeth about how to treat Banquo at the state dinner that night?

< highlight this and type response here >

**Act 3, Scene III**

11. What happens to Banquo and Fleance at the ambush?

< highlight this and type response here >

**Act 3, Scene IV**

14. What is the significance of the conversation Macbeth and Lady Macbeth have immediately after the guests leave? (Includes “blood will have blood.”)

< highlight this and type response here >

15. For what reason does Macbeth mention Macduff’s name?

< highlight this and type response here >

**Act 3, Scene V**

16. Who is Hecate, and why is she angry?

< highlight this and type response here >

17. What is Hecate’s plan for Macbeth?

< highlight this and type response here >

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