

CANON CLASSICS
END-OF-BOOK TEST
MACBETH

NAME: _____
SCORE: _____ / 24 pts.

THE BOOK: *Answer the questions below.*¹

1. *What is the other (superstitious) name for Macbeth the play? (2 pts.)*

2. *List the historical context that might have inspired some of the events or the themes of the play (2 pts.)*

THE PLOT: *Answer the questions below quickly and succinctly.*

3. *What is the first event to confirm the witches' prophecies to Macbeth? (2 pts.)*

4. *Give two reasons that nobody suspects Macbeth of the murder at first. (2 pts.)*

5. *Why is Macduff especially motivated to be the one to kill Macbeth? (2 pts.)*

THE WORLDVIEW: *Please complete the following essay questions on the back of this test or a separate sheet of paper. Be specific in your answers, showing original thought and creativity (i.e., it's boring to regurgitate the Worldview Guide.)*

5. *Essay 1: Describe Macbeth's character. What are his two main traits? Are those traits good or bad? (6 pts.)*

6. *Essay 2: Why did Macbeth kill Duncan? Give all the reasons that Shakespeare gave in the play. (8 pts.)*

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