

Macbeth Character Card Sort

SORT OUT THE CARDS INTO TWO PILES AND USE THE DESCRIPTIONS TO MATCH UP THE CHARACTER AND THE CORRECT NAME

THE THREE WITCHES	MACBETH
LADY MACBETH	BANQUO
DONALBAIN	MALCOLM
LENNOX	THE PORTER
ROSS	LADY MACDUFF
MACDUFF	DUNCAN
FLEANCE	

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<p>These characters add an element of supernatural and prophecy to the play. They each have a familiar, such as Graymalkin and Paddock, and are commanded by Hecate, a Greek goddess of the moon and witchcraft. They can use sieves as boats, and they can become an animal. They are described as having beards but looking human.</p>	<p>Thane of Glamis and Cawdor, a general in the King's army and husband he is a basically good man who is troubled by his conscience and loyalty though at the same time ambitious and murderous. He is led to evil initially by the witches' predictions and then by his wife's goading, which he gives into because he loves her so.</p>
<p>This woman is a good wife who loves her husband. She is also ambitious but lacks the morals of her husband. To achieve her ambition, she rids of herself of any kindness that might stand in the way. However, she runs out of energy to suppress her conscience and kills herself.</p>	<p>Thane of Lochaber, a general in the King's army. This man is the opposite of Macbeth, showing an alternate reaction to prophecy. He keeps his morals and allegiances, but ends up dying. He is brave and ambitious, but this is tempered by intelligence.</p>
<p>Thane of Fife, a nobleman of Scotland. This man showed an early distrust of Macbeth. He also represents fate as when knocking on the door. He thinks he can avoid having his family looking guilty and getting killed by fleeing, but he overestimates Macbeth. He then plays the avenger who killed his family.</p>	<p>This is the eldest son of Duncan. At first he is made Prince of Cumberland and then flees Scotland when his father is killed. At the end of the play he becomes a good king, and is everything that Macbeth is not.</p>

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<p>Nobleman of Scotland. This is one of the Duncan's nobles and he is largely an observer in the play. He grows suspicious of what he sees in Macbeth, and grows increasingly sarcastic and is fearful for the fate of Scotland.</p>	<p>This character is the younger son of Duncan. He flees to Ireland when his father is murdered.</p>
<p>This character is a messenger in the play, bringing good news of Macbeth's military victory and bad news about Macduff's family.</p>	<p>This character is a good king who is liked by his people. He trusted people but ended up dead.</p>
<p>This is a comic character who is the keeper of Macbeth's castle who imagines that he is the keeper of Hell's Gate.</p>	<p>This young boy has a small part in the play but his father is killed by Macbeth. In the future he will be king after Malcolm.</p>
<p>This woman represents all the good people slaughtered by Macbeth. She loves her family, and is distressed at her husband's departure. She doesn't really believe her husband is a traitor and is concerned only that he is safe when the murderers arrive.</p>	

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The Three Witches

The three witches add an element of supernatural and prophecy to the play. They each have a familiar, such as Graymalkin and Paddock, and are commanded by Hecate, a Greek goddess of the moon and later witchcraft. The witches are based on a variety of ideas about witches at the time. They can use sieves as boats, and they can assume the shape of an animal, but with a defect, as with the tailless rat. The witches were also thought to be able to control the winds. They are described as having beards but looking human.

MACBETH, Thane of Glamis and Cawdor, a general in the King's army

Macbeth is a basically good man who is troubled by his conscience and loyalty though at the same time ambitious and murderous. He is led to evil initially by the witches' predictions and then by his wife's goading, which he succumbs to because he loves her so. His obsession over the kingship shows a certain kind of egotism.

Lady Macbeth

Lady Macbeth is a good wife who loves her husband. She is also ambitious but lacks the morals of her husband. To achieve her ambition, she rids of herself of any kindness that might stand in the way. However, she runs out of energy to suppress her conscience and kills herself.

BANQUO, Thane of Lochaber,

A general in the King's army
Banquo serves as a foil to Macbeth, showing an alternate react to prophecy. Banquo retains his morals and allegiances, but ends up dying. He is brave and ambitious, but this is tempered by intelligence.

DONALBAIN, younger son of Duncan

Donalbain is Duncan's youngest son and flees to Ireland when his father is murdered.

MALCOLM, elder son of Duncan

Malcolm, as a good king, is everything that Macbeth is not. He uses deception only to insure his personal safety.

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<p><u>LENNOX, nobleman of Scotland</u> Lennox is one of Duncan's nobles and he is largely an observer in the play. He grows suspicious of what he sees in Macbeth, and grows increasingly sarcastic and is fearful for the fate of Scotland.</p>	
<p><u>ROSS, nobleman of Scotland</u> Ross is Macduff's cousin. He acts as a messenger in the play, bringing good news of Macbeth's military victory and bad news about Macduff's family.</p>	<p><u>The Porter</u> The Porter is the keeper of Macbeth's castle who imagines that he is the keeper of Hell's Gate.</p>
<p><u>MACDUFF, Thane of Fife, a nobleman of Scotland</u> Macduff shows early on a distrust of Macbeth. He also represents fate as when knocking on the door. He thinks he can avoid having his family looking guilty and getting killed by fleeing, but he overestimates Macbeth. Macduff then plays the avenger.</p>	<p><u>LADY MACDUFF</u> Lady Macduff represents all the good people slaughtered by Macbeth. She loves her family, and is distressed at her husband's departure. She doesn't really believe her husband is a traitor and is concerned only that he is safe when the murderers arrive.</p>
<p>FLEANCE, Banquo's son Fleance plays no large role, and the only question is how his line ends up becoming king after Malcolm.</p>	<p>DUNCAN, King of Scotland Duncan is a good king who is liked by his people. By no fault of his own he is unable to discern those who threaten his reign.</p>