

Macbeth's Diary

Referring to Act 1 Scene 7 and Act 2 Scenes 1 and 2, write the diary entries Macbeth might make in the early hours of the morning recounting the events of the banquet and murder. You don't need to use direct quotations, but try to use some of Shakespeare's language.

Include details about:

- **how you felt about the banquet**

When I found out that Duncan was coming to my castle at Inverness, I felt _____
because my wife had already talked to me about the witches' prophecies and said that

- **your feelings about Duncan**

I didn't know if I could kill Duncan just to be King. I wanted to be King because I am
_____ but Duncan was _____

- **your feelings about your wife**

When my wife found out I would proceed no further with this business of murdering Duncan, she
was _____. She told me _____
_____. She also said that _____

- **how you felt when you learned of Lady Macbeth's plan**

When my wife told me the plan, I was _____. The plan was that she would

- **the events after the banquet and your thoughts and feelings**

That night after the banquet, I met Banquo and Fleance in the courtyard. We spoke briefly about _____
_____. I thought that Banquo seemed _____. Anyway, when they had gone, I felt very nervous and I started to imagine that I could see a _____. The next thing I heard was the signal, _____, and so I went to commit the dreadful deed. It was awful, I thought I heard _____
_____. The worst thing was that I couldn't say _____ and now I know that I will not be able to _____ anymore. There was blood all over my hands - Duncan's blood – and I don't think it will ever wash away. Luckily, my wife completed the deed because I couldn't. She _____

The last thing I heard was knocking so we _____

- **what you hope will happen next and your final feelings**

I hope that the plan has worked but now that Duncan is dead _____

Lady Macbeth's Diary

Referring to Act 1 Scene 7 and Act 2 Scenes 1 and 2, write the diary entries Lady Macbeth might make in the early hours of the morning recounting the events of the banquet and murder. You don't need to use direct quotations, but try to use some of Shakespeare's language.

Include details about:

- **how you felt about Duncan attending the banquet**

When I found out that Duncan was coming to stay I was _____. It was perfect, so much had happened what with _____ and I had already told Macbeth _____ . At the time he had said that we would speak further but I thought that meant _____

- **how you felt when you found out Macbeth was unwilling to commit the murder**

How wrong could I have been? The night of the banquet I found him standing alone in a room, thinking. He said he would proceed no further with this business. Well, I couldn't believe it. I felt _____

- **your persuasive conversation with your husband**

I certainly told him a few home truths. I said _____ . Anyway, after I had said _____ , I could see he was weakening because he said, " _____ " So I told him of my plan which was to _____ . He changed his mind and said he would do the deed.

- **your feelings after the murder had been committed**

After I had given the signal, _____, I waited near Duncan's room. I had to have a drink to give me _____. I started to imagine the goings-on, but at one point I thought he had not done it, so I was glad when Macbeth came back with two bloody daggers. I couldn't have done it because _____.
Some warrior Macbeth is! He just stood there saying how awful it was and in the end I had to _____.

After that, we just _____.
_____. Macbeth was still _____ but I felt _____
because _____.

- **what you hope will happen next and your final feelings.**

Now, I just hope that Macbeth will be King. However, I am concerned about him as _____

_____.