Macbeth ~ Sequencing the story

Put the statements below in the correct order and then write them out in your own words.

a. Macbeth begins to have evil thoughts. The witches’ predictions seem to be coming true.

b. Macduff kills Macbeth.

c. Macbeth and Banquo meet three witches on the heath. They tell Macbeth that he will become Thane of Cawdor and King later. Banquo’s sons will be Kings, they say.

d. Lady Macbeth calls Macbeth a wimp and accuses him of not loving her ~ he agrees to the murder!

‘To be thus is nothing. But to be safely thus.’

e. Macbeth arranges for three murderers to kill Banquo and his son but Fleance gets away.

f. The witches show Macbeth three apparitions. A bloody child, a head and a child with a tree in its hand. They warn Macbeth … (give details)

g. Banquo appears at Macbeth’s table ~ but he is already dead! Lady Macbeth makes excuses for Macbeth’s strange behaviour.

h. Macbeth is confused and decides not to kill the king.

‘We will proceed no further in this business.’
i. Macduff goes to England to bring back Malcolm with the English Army.

j. King Duncan is found dead. Fearing that they will be blamed, Malcolm and Donalbain flee to England and Ireland.

k. Macbeth orders the murder of Macduff's wife and children.

l. Macbeth tells Macbeth that he was born by caesarean section. Macbeth realise he is going to be defeated.

m. Macbeth kills King Duncan. Lady Macbeth smears the servants with blood and leaves the daggers with them.

n. The Scots and the Norwegians are in battle. Macbeth has proved himself brave but the current Thane of Cawdor has been a traitor. King Duncan decides to execute him and award Macbeth with this title.

o. King Duncan awards Malcolm with the title Prince of Cumberland ~ he will be the next King!

p. The wood seems to be moving towards High Dunsinane. Macbeth does not worry too much because he thinks no one can hurt him.

q. Malcolm is crowned King of Scotland and the country returns to the peaceful one it once was.

r. Lady Macbeth commits suicide. The pressure and guilt is too much!