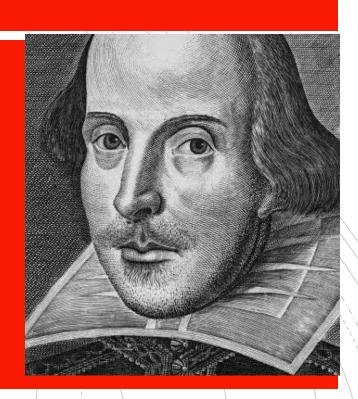


### Macbeth

William Shakespeare



## "Macbeth:" Meaning

William Shakespeare's 1606 play, Macbeth, is a tragedy which follows Macbeth, a brave soldier with great ambition. After receiving a prophecy from three witches, Macbeth and his wife are convinced that it is their fate to murder King Duncan for the power of the throne. But, they soon realize that to maintain power, they cannot stop with just one murder. Shakespeare follows Macbeth's descent as he is overcome with guilt, but too focused on fulfilling his ambitions.

### About William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare (bapt. Tooltip baptised 26[a] April 1564 – 23 April 1616)[b] was an English playwright, poet and actor. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist.[3][4][5] He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon" (or simply "the Bard"). His extant works, including collaborations, consist of some 39 plays, 154 sonnets, three long narrative poems, and a few other verses, some of uncertain authorship. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.

#### Macbeth Character List

- Macbeth
- Lady Macbeth
- The Three Witches
- Banquo
- King Duncan
- Macduff
- Malcolm
- Hecate
- Lennox
- Ross

The main themes in the play

- Ambition
- Gender Roles
- Reality vs Appearances
- The Supernatural

# Symbols in Macbeth

- Sleep
- Blood
- Weather
- Visions
- Hallucinations
- Light and darkness
- Daggers

Historical significance

William Shakespeare wrote Macbeth in 1606, which is loosely based on facts and represents a time in English history of uncertainty and fear. The themes of ambition and power symbolized many concerns that the people had during the Jacobean era.

#### Conclusion

• At the end of the play, Macbeth's severed head is brought to Malcolm by Macduff, proof that Macbeth has been overthrown, and that Scotland is now Malcom's to rule. Malcolm promises rewards to all who have fought for him, and names them all earls, the first in Scotland. Thank you

