

## Lady Macbeth in Act 1, scene 5

Character analysis through her response to Macbeth's letter:

1. Re-read Macbeth's letter to Lady Macbeth and the way she reacts to it.
2. In which line does she say that she intends Macbeth to be king?
3. List the comments Lady Macbeth makes, which suggests she does not believe Macbeth will "catch the nearest way".
4. Rewrite the lines which begin "The raven himself is hoarse" to "To cry, hold, hold!"
5. What does Lady Macbeth mean, when she advises Macbeth to,
 

"bear welcome in your eye,  
Your hand, your tongue; look like the innocent flower,  
But be the serpent under't"?
6. Choose 10 words to describe Lady Macbeth's character. Avoid vague words like 'horrid' or 'bad'.
7. Explain why you have selected the 10 words you choose.
8. Contrast her attitude with that of Macbeth at the end of scene 3.

## Lady Macbeth in Act 2, Scenes 2 and 3

Character analysis through her reaction to the murder

1. What are Lady Macbeth's first words in the scene? What does this tell you about her frame of mind?
2. Comment on the excuse she gives for not killing Duncan herself.
3. What other possibilities are there for her not wanting to be Duncan's murderer?
4. Why does Lady Macbeth say they should not discuss the deed?
5. Comment on the way Lady Macbeth takes control in the scene, from "Who was it that thus cried?" until the end of the scene.