**Macbeth Questions**

**Act 1, Scene 3 (Macbeth meets The Witches)**

At the start of the scene the witches are recounting the awful things they can do to men, and the things that they have done

The following questions cover the scene from when Macbeth and Banquo enter (line 38) up until line 148.

1. What events have taken place in this scene?
2. What does Macbeth mean when he says, “So foul and fair a day I have not seen.” (line 38)
3. Comment on the appearance and characteristics of the witches in Banquo’s description of them (use quotes as evidence).
4. Why do you think the witches talk in riddles?
5. What do The Witches tell Macbeth and Banquo?
6. How does Macbeth react to the witches’ prophecy? Look at Banquo’s speech beginning, “Good sir” (line 51)? Why do you think Macbeth seems to fear the prophecy of becoming King? Why do you think he becomes “rapt” (bound up within himself) (line 57)?
7. What is the difference between the two men’s reactions to the witches (look at line 79 to the end of the passage)? Why does Macbeth wish they had stayed?
8. Which words or phrases in the text do you think best sum up Macbeth’s confusion?
9. When Macbeth says “If chance will have me King, why chance may crown me without my stir” (lines 143-144) what do you think he has decided to do?