



Act IV.i

1. What are the witches doing at the beginning of this scene?
2. Why does Macbeth go to see the weird sisters?
3. What is the first apparition that the witches show Macbeth? What does this image represent?
4. Who does the “bloody child” apparition represent and what does this apparition tell Macbeth?
5. The third apparition is a crowned child with a tree in his hand. What might the tree represent?
6. The third apparition tells Macbeth that he will be king until when?
7. How do the apparitions that Macbeth sees in this scene, lines 75ish, 88ish, and 95ish, connect with other patterns of imagery in the play?
8. How does Macbeth respond to each apparition?
9. What question does Macbeth ask the witches in lines 116-118ish? Why do you think the witches do not want to give the answer to Macbeth?
10. What does Macbeth learn from the images of the eight kings?
11. What happens to the three witches?
12. Compare Macbeth’s attitude towards murdering Macduff and his family (the end of the scene) with his attitude when he murdered King Duncan.