

VOCABULARY - *Macbeth*

Act I

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. Like valor's minion carved out his passage

2. Into the air, and what seemed corporal melted

3. Like our strange garments, cleave not to their mold

4. I'll be myself the harbinger and make joyful the hearing of my wife with your approach

5. And chastise with the valor of my tongue

6. To beguile the time, look like the time, hear welcome in your eye

7. Upon the sightless couriers of the air

Macbeth Vocabulary Act I Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Act I. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. minion | A. of or relating to the body |
| ___ 2. corporal | B. one that indicates or foreshadows what is to come |
| ___ 3. cleave | C. to punish |
| ___ 4. harbinger | D. to pass time pleasantly |
| ___ 5. chastise | E. messengers |
| ___ 6. beguile | F. to adhere, cling, or stick fast |
| ___ 7. couriers | G. an obsequious follower or dependent |

Vocabulary - *Macbeth* Act II

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

8. I see thee yet, in form as palpable

9. How is't with me when every noise appalls me?

10. Faith, sir, we were carousing till the second cock.

11. ...equivocates him in a sleep and giving him the lie, leaves him.

12. Fears and scruples shake us.

13. What good could they pretend? They were suborned.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Act II. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 8. palpable | A. Fills with dismay |
| ___ 9. appalls | B. Avoids making an explicit statement |
| ___ 10. carousing | C. Conscience; morals |
| ___ 11. equivocates | D. Easily perceived |
| ___ 12. scruples | E. Induced to commit an unlawful act |
| ___ 13. suborned | F. Drunken merrymaking |

Vocabulary - *Macbeth* Act III

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

14. Their cruel parricide, filling their hearers with strange invention.

15. She'll close and be herself, whilst our poor malice Remains in danger

16. And make our faces vizards to our hearts.

17. Aye, my good lord. Safe in a ditch he bides, with twenty trenched gashes on his head.

18. Ere humane statute purged the gentle weal -

19. Do not muse at me, my most worthy friends.

20. Do faithful homage and receive free honors.

Macbeth Vocabulary Act III Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Act III. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 14. parricide | A. special honor expressed publicly |
| ___ 15. malice | B. freed from impurities |
| ___ 16. vizards | C. to consider |
| ___ 17. bides | D. the murdering of one's parent(s) |
| ___ 18. purged | E. masks |
| ___ 19. muse | F. waits |
| ___ 20. homage | G. extreme ill-will or spite |

Vocabulary - *Macbeth* Act IV

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

21. Double, double toil and trouble, Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

22. Let this pernicious hour stand aye accursed in the calendar!

23. The most diminutive of birds, will fight, her young ones in her nest, against the owl.

24. You may deserve of him through me, and wisdom to offer up a weak, poor, innocent lamb to appease an angry god.

25. I grant him bloody, luxurious, avaricious false, deceitful, sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin that has a name.

26. By his own interdiction stands accursed, and does blaspheme his breed?

27. Child of integrity, hath from my soul wiped the black scruples, reconciled my thoughts to thy good truth and honor.

Macbeth Vocabulary Act IV Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Act IV. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 21. caldron | A. evil; wicked |
| ___ 22. pernicious | B. to humor; make peace with |
| ___ 23. diminutive | C. something authoritatively forbidden |
| ___ 24. appease | D. a large vessel |
| ___ 25. avaricious | E. adherence to a strict moral code |
| ___ 26. interdiction | F. extremely small in size |
| ___ 27. integrity | G. having an immoderate desire for wealth |

Vocabulary - *Macbeth* Act V

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

28. Let our just censures attend the true event, and put we on industrious soldiership.

29. Till famine and the ague eat them up.

30. But swords I smile at, weapons laugh to scorn, brandished by man that's of a woman born.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meanings of the vocabulary words for Act V. Now match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

___ 28. censures

___ 29. ague

___ 30. brandished

A. waved or flourished

B. harsh criticisms

C. a chill or fit of shivering