

Macbeth

ACT I SCENE 4

Flourish. Enter King Duncan



Presentation Guide/Script

- ❑ *The 'flourish' is the sound of trumpets to announce the arrival of a king..*
- ❑ *King Duncan seems to be at the height of his power. He has apparently defeated his enemies.*

DUNCAN

Is execution done on Cawdor?

Slide 2: Presentation Guide/Script

- Read from slide
- Who is Cawdor? Why is this name important?* Thane of Cawdor is Macbeth's new title. The old Thane of Cawdor has been executed for treason. This is a very violent world.

In this scene

- News confirmed of Cawdor's execution
- The "traitor" showed "deep repentance"
- "nothing in his life/Became him like the leaving of it"

Slide 3: Presentation Guide/Script

- Read from slide.

- ❑ Macbeth & Banquo arrive at King Duncan's castle.
- ❑ They are welcomed as heroes.

Slide 4: Teaching Notes

Script:

- ❑ Read from slide

- ❑ Macbeth says he needs no thanks
- ❑ "The service and loyalty I owe, in doing it, pays itself" (1.4.22)

Slide 5: Presentation Guide/Script

- ❑ Read from slide

Duncan's announcement

- ❑ His eldest son will be Prince of Cumberland.
- ❑ This makes Malcolm the heir to the throne
- ❑ Macbeth will not be king by 'fair' means

Slide 7: Presentation Guide/Script

- ❑ Read from slide
- ❑ *What is the news King Duncan announces? Malcom to become Prince of Cumberland and heir to the throne. Why is this important? Because it removes the (remote) chance that Duncan would make Macbeth his successor to the throne. At this time Scottish kings chose their successor. This was usually a distant relative rather than eldest son. News that Malcom will be king affects Macbeth's thinking. He senses he will need to act quickly.*

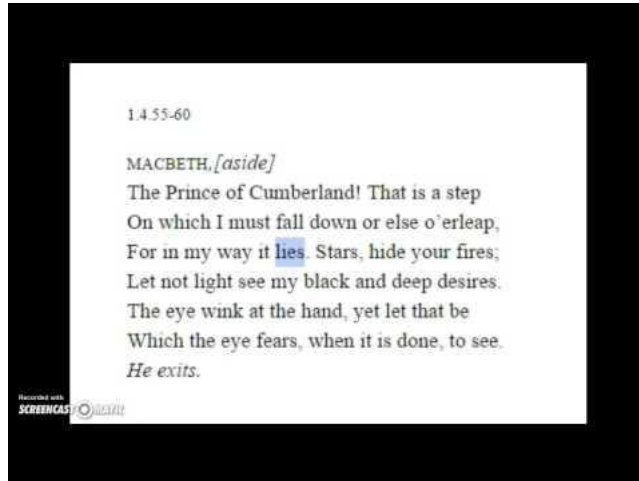
- ❑ Duncan promises to visit Macbeth.
- ❑ Macbeth leaves early to prepare for this visit.

Slide 8: Presentation Guide/Script

Read from slide

A royal visit is an honour for Macbeth. Duncan believes him to be a brave and loyal general.

Macbeth (*aside*)



Slide 9: Teaching Notes

- ❑ Play video: <https://youtu.be/ejvldat9ZA>
- ❑ Ask learners about the key points made:

Script

What is an aside? Why does Macbeth make an aside here? An aside is audible to the audience but not to other characters on stage.

Malcolm will be Prince of Cumberland. What does Macbeth mean when he says that this is “a step/On which I must fall down o'erleap”?

What are Macbeth’s “black and deep desires”?