



# English

Macbeth



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# Newspaper Plan



# Aim

- I can summarise the main events from a story as a planned report.

# Success Criteria

- I can identify and note the main events from a scene or story.
- I can choose suitable vocabulary to add description.
- I can include precise vocabulary for a reporting style.

# Predict and Discuss



Let's recap and discuss the main recent events leading up towards the ending of the story.

- What were the witches' first and second sets of predictions?
- What were the events surrounding Macbeth becoming King?
- What led to the deaths of Duncan and Banquo?
- Why did Malcolm and Donalbain flee in terror?



Now discuss and predict how you think the story might end, linking your predictions to events or evidence from the story so far.

# Story Continuation – the Ending

Macbeth thinks about the witches predictions and he feels quite secure as trees can't move and everyone must be 'born of woman'.

However, the 'Beware Macduff' bit is playing on his mind. Macduff is away in England, but Macbeth has his family killed anyway, just to be sure.



# Story Continuation – the Ending

Macduff hears about the killings and is so angry he gets together with Malcolm (King Duncan's son). They gather an army together to seize back the throne from Macbeth.

When they are ready to take Macbeth's castle they hide under trees as camouflage and move forward.  
(Note: witches' prediction of moving trees.)



# Story Continuation – the Ending

Meanwhile, Lady Macbeth also loses the plot. As a result of all the killings, she feels guilty and has started sleep walking, talking to herself and washing imaginary blood from her hands.

She says one of the play's famous lines:

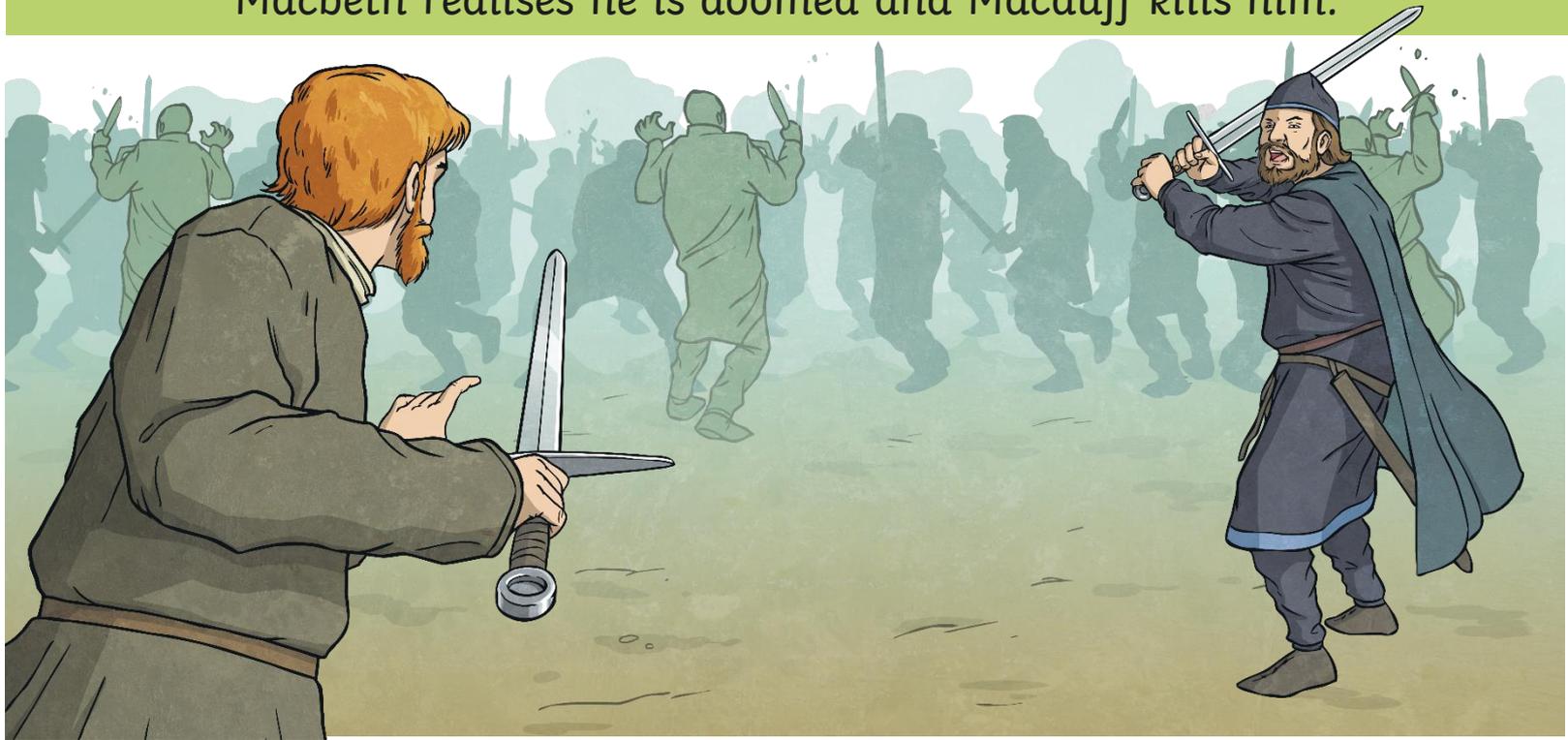
“Out damned spot!”  
(meaning “get clean”)

She eventually kills herself.



# Story Continuation – the Ending

Finally, Macbeth and Macduff have it out in a fight on the battlefield. During the fight, Macduff reveals that he was born by Caesarean section and therefore not 'born of woman' just like the witches said. Macbeth realises he is doomed and Macduff kills him.



# Story Continuation – the Ending

Malcolm becomes King and makes a big speech to everyone saying everything will be alright. In this speech, he calls the Macbeths: “the dead butcher and his fiend-like queen,” then invites everyone to come and see him crowned at Scone Castle.



# Recount and Reporting



Now that we have discovered the gruesome ending, your final task is to become a reporter and plan a recount of the events at Glamis Castle, ready for a newspaper-style report in the next lesson!  
**What do you think are the main events to include?**

Use the idea of the 5 Ws (who, what, where, when, why) as a basis for the summary.

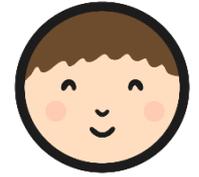
Try to keep to a newspaper reporting style.



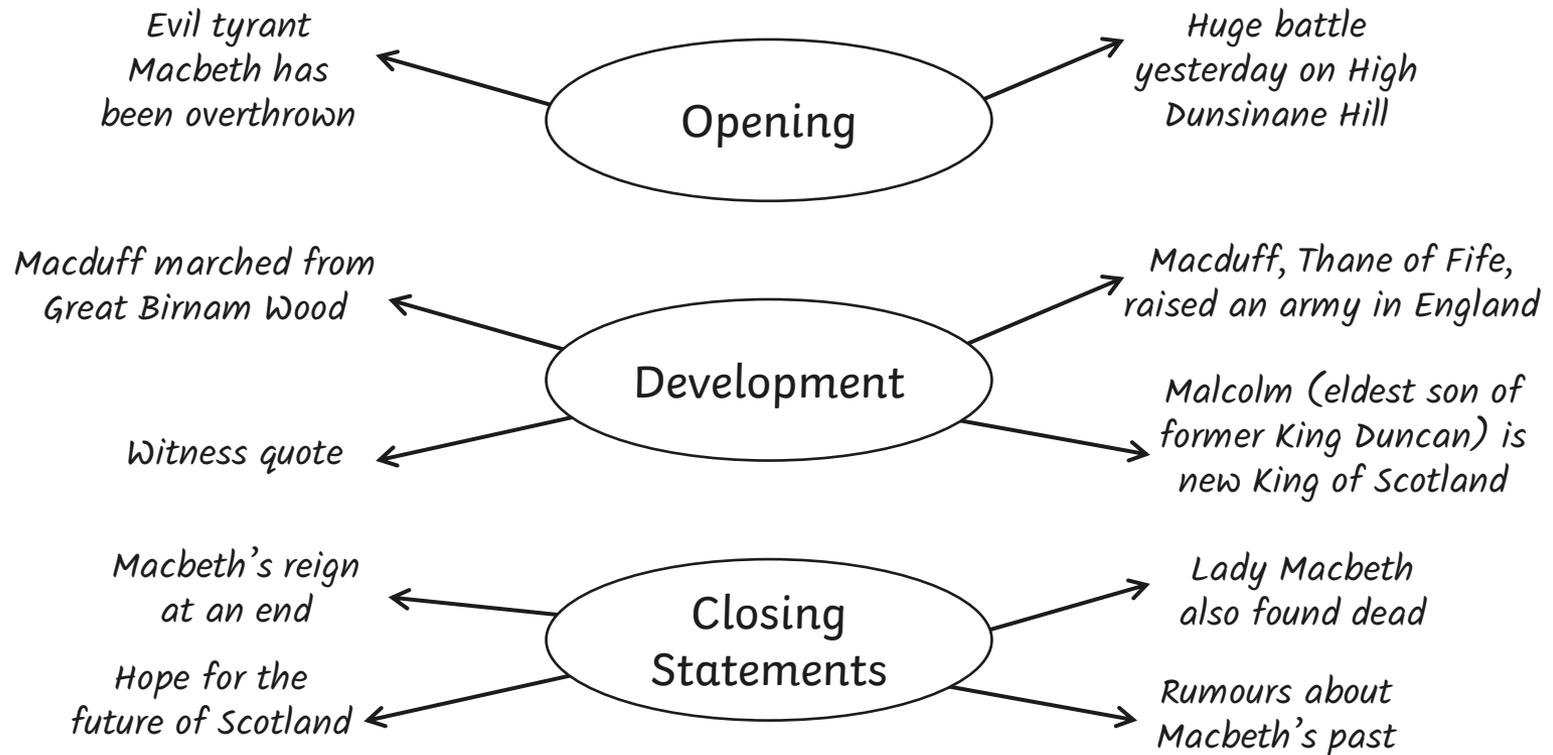
What could your opening line be? Make it snappy and sensational – but also informative and descriptive!

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# Planning a Report



Here is an example of three planning circles for a newspaper report, with ideas for each. Can you create your own plan of what you will include?



# Building Description



Macbeth was killed.

What a boring sentence! Can you use your planning ideas from the lesson and expand upon this simple sentence?

How did you improve the sentence? (e.g. adding adjectives or fronted adverbial at the beginning, more sensational or well-chosen vocabulary, additional clause with information at the end)

So far, we have just been making brief notes, so not too much detail has been necessary. However, you can use the ideas for improved sentences in your writing for the next lesson, when we are going to turn our notes into fantastic sentences.



## Activity

Summarise the main events from Macbeth as a planned report using the provided template.

This planning template will support you when you write your newspaper tomorrow.

Red – 1 star

Yellow – 2 star

Green – 3 star