Act III – Study Guide

1. What does Banquo think about the witches prophesies?

2. Why does Macbeth want Banquo and Fleance dead?

3. Macbeth says he will be alone until the feast. What does he really do during this time?

4. How does Macbeth convince the murderers to help him?

5. What is Macbeth's plan for killing Banquo and Fleance? Does it work?

6. Macbeth says, "The worm that's fled Hath nature that in time will venom breed, No teeth for

7. Who (what) did Macbeth see at the banquet table?

8. How does Lady Macbeth cover for Macbeth at the banquet? What excuses does she give for his wild talk?

9. Who else was missing from the banquet table (besides Banquo)?

10. Macbeth says, "I am in blood Stepped in so far that should I wade no more, Returning were as tedious as go o'er." What does he mean?

11. Why does Hecate “look angerly” upon the other witches (III.v.1)?

12. What does Hecate want the witches to do?

13. What does Lennox think about Macbeth, Fleance, and Duncan's sons?

14. Ironically, Lennox calls Macbeth what to show his real attitude toward him?

15. At the end of Act III, what seems to be coming to Scotland?