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Shakespeare, William: 1564-1616 Macbeth, 1606 - Characters

Macbeth: A Scottish nobleman and the central figure. He starts as a brave warrior, loyal to King Duncan.

Lady Macbeth: Macbeth's wife and a driving force behind his rise to power.

King Duncan: The kind, trusting king of Scotland.

Malcolm: Duncan's eldest son and heir.

Banquo: A fellow nobleman and Macbeth's friend.

The Three Witches (Weird Sisters): Mysterious figures who prophesy Macbeth's rise to power and eventual downfall.

Macduff: A Scottish nobleman who becomes Macbeth's chief adversary.

Lady Macduff: Macduff's wife, who, along with her children, is brutally murdered on Macbeth's orders.

Fleance: Banquo's son, who escapes when his father is killed.

Hecate: The goddess of witchcraft, who oversees the witches.