**Macbeth**

**Act III: Guided Reading**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in your notebooks as you read/discuss. Make sure your responses are thorough and provide supporting textual evidence.

1. Discuss why Macbeth wants Banquo to be killed.
   1. What are his reasons?
   2. Why won’t/can’t he do it himself?
   3. What does he believe this will accomplish?
   4. What does this suggest about his character?
      1. Thematic connections?
2. Examine Lady Macbeth’s character and discuss how she has changed. Thematic connections/implications?
3. Banquo, a relatively stagnant character, proves himself to be a good father. Cite the lines that prove this and explain why he makes the decision he does.
4. Why can only Macbeth see Banquo’s ghost? What might Shakespeare be suggesting about human nature?
5. Examine and discuss the key points of Hecate’s monologue in Scene V. Be sure to include thematic implications.
6. Why does Macbeth decide to consult the three witches again? Consider what happened the first time…
   1. What are the witches planning on doing to him?
7. Scene vi represents a major turning point in the play. Discuss.
   1. Who is speaking?
   2. What are they discussing/speculating about?
   3. What is the plan? Who is involved?
   4. Why is this considered a “turning point”?