

Lesson 2- "What, can the devil speak true?"

Act I- Scene 3

Activator: Video

Who is Jimmy Fallon talking to in the video clip?

What is this literary device called: _____

Definition: _____

Activity 1: What is the Purpose?

The conversation the witches are having when the scene opens has NOTHING to do with the advancement of the play. Why would Shakespeare include this conversation?

Activity 2: Prophecies

Macbeth's Prophecies:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Banquo's Prophecy:

1. _____

Activity 3: Macbeth's Aside

Aside 1

MACBETH, *aside* Two truths are told
As happy prologues to the swelling act
Of the imperial theme. -I thank you, gentlemen.

Aside. This supernatural soliciting
Cannot be ill, cannot be good. If ill,
Why hath it given me earnest of success
Commencing in a truth? I am Thane of Cawdor.
If good, why do I yield to that suggestion
Whose horrid image doth unfix my hair
And make my seated heart knock at my ribs
Against the use of nature? Present fears
Are less than horrible imaginings.
My thought, whose murder yet is but fantastical,
Shakes so my single state of man
That function is smothered in surmise,
And nothing is but what is not.

What two truths have been told what is the imperial theme?

Macbeth is reminding himself that he should be happy with the title of Thane of Cawdor, but what "suggestion" is he pondering and how does he feel about it?

Aside 2

If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me
Without my stir.

What conclusion does Macbeth come to at the end of these asides?

Name: _____ Block: _____ Date: _____

Macbeth by William Shakespeare