

Homework for 05.04.2017

1. What would you expect Macbeth's last words to be?
 - I expected that Macbeth, in his last words, regretful, asked forgiveness to God and finally release that lock that closed his heart time ago.
2. Read the text and discuss these questions:
 - Why are the women crying?
 - The women are crying because the Queen is dead.
 - What is Macbeth's reaction? How would he have reacted in the past?
 - Macbeth didn't feel nothing, he only said that she would die anyway one day. Instead, in the past, when Macbeth was still able to feel emotions his senses would have cooled and his hair would rouse and stir.
 - What has he almost forgotten? Why?
 - Macbeth has forgotten how to feel and what makes you feel fear because he committed such atrocities that his heart is full to the brim of horrors.
3. Underline the expression referring to time. How does Macbeth convey the idea that time is an invincible, ineluctable power?
 - MACBETH: What is that noise?
SEYTON: It is the cry of women, my good lord. (Exit)
MACBETH: I have almost forgot the taste of fears;
The time has been, my senses would have cool'd
To hear a night-shriek; and my fell of hair
Would at a dismal treatise rouse and stir
As life were in't: I have supp'd full with horrors;
Direness, familiar to my slaughterous thoughts
Cannot once start me.
(Re-enter SEYTON)
Wherefore was that cry?
SEYTON: The queen, my lord, is dead.
MACBETH: She should have died hereafter;
There would have been a time for such a word.
To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day
To the last syllable of recorded time,
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

Macbeth has a pessimistic view of the world. Macbeth has a pessimistic view of the world. His gaze is turned to the future, but it's blacker than black; through the phrase "And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death" wants to suggest that anyone in the future will die as someone full of vices and sins and become dust because people are stupid and unable to learn from past mistakes.

4. When referring to man in relation to time, Macbeth uses the term 'fools'. What do you think he has realized about man's power to change his destiny?
 - That I think Macbeth realizes That no one can change His destiny Just Because people are too busy to strut Themselves of Their vices and ephemeral power That they do not see the "dusty death" coming.
5. Analyze the metaphors Macbeth uses to describe life and the ideals they introduce. What conclusion about the meaning of life does Macbeth come to?
 - As I said, Macbeth has a pessimistic view of the world, so he sees life as something ephemeral, frivolous, like a castle of cards that even a single bite of dust can destroy.