

3 – THE PROPHECIES

What do the witches want from Macbeth and Banquo?

WHAT YOU NEED

- Some pieces of paper, or a notebook and something to write with.
- A computer with internet connection, ready to play [this clip](#).
- A copy of Act 1 Scene 3 from Macbeth to read, either on the page or onscreen.

ACTIVITY

- Watch the above clip of Act 1 Scene 3 from the 2018 RSC production of Macbeth.
- Make 2 lists of how Banquo and Macbeth react differently to seeing the witches. If you need to, look at the scene in the text.
- Create a one-page graphic novel, or comic strip version of this scene. Making sure you include all three of the witches' prophecies. Include thought bubbles for Banquo and Macbeth, showing their different reactions to the news and the way the witches speak to both of them.
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EXTENSION

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- If you prefer, instead of the graphic novel or comic book, you can create two drawings - one of Macbeth's reactions to the witches and one for Banquo. See how different you can make them.
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