

# 6 – THE PLAN

## What does Lady Macbeth want?

### 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 5 from Macbeth to read, either on the page or onscreen.

### ACTIVITY

- Watch the clip above on Lady Macbeth's thoughts about King Duncan arriving at her castle.
- Take two pieces of paper and write AMBITION on one and DECENCY on the other. Place these two pieces of paper in opposite areas of your room. Imagine you are Lady Macbeth and read the speech out loud from the line 'The raven himself is hoarse' to 'Hold, hold!' As you read, decide whether she is having an ambitious or a decent thought and move from one page to the other. Which area do you visit most and why? Are there any moments when you can't decide?
- Ask yourself: Does Lady Macbeth have more ambition for herself or for her husband? What does she think of King Duncan?

### EXTENSION

- Redesign your castle for a King and Queen. Imagine you are Lady Macbeth and draw all the changes you would like to make to your castle once you are queen of Scotland.
- If you are feeling particularly creative, build one of the rooms in her castle – maybe the Queen's bedchamber or throne room. You could even make models of King Macbeth and his queen out of modelling clay or other materials to occupy it.

### PRIMARY ACTIVITY

- Watch the clip above on Lady Macbeth's thoughts about King Duncan arriving at her castle.
- Take two pieces of paper and write AMBITION on one and DECENCY on the other. Think carefully about what these two words mean and look them up if you are not sure. What makes someone a 'decent' person and what does 'decent' behaviour look like? What might Lady Macbeth's ambitions be?
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