

RACE for Macbeth Act 1 – You must use all 4 parts of RACE to receive credit for your answers.  
Be sure sentences start with nouns!

- 1) Shakespeare begins Macbeth with Witches talking on a barren heath in a thunder storm. This creates a certain atmosphere and mood. What mood is created and what other images contributed to the evil atmosphere?
- 2) "What he hath lost noble Macbeth has won." (I:ii) <sup>Act 1 : Scene 2</sup> How is Duncan portrayed in this scene? What do you think he symbolizes?
- 3) I have no spur . . . And falls on the other. (I:vii) <sup>Act 1 : Scene 7</sup> What sort of insight does this soliloquy give into Macbeth's character? Does it simplify or complicate it? What makes him hesitate?
- 4) Macbeth struggles with his conscience and the fear of eternal damnation if he murders Duncan. Lady Macbeth has great control over Macbeth's actions. What tactics does she use to gain control over him? Cite examples from Act I and explain how and why they sway Macbeth.