# Speech

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Macbeth:

Hello and welcome to our speech about a play from Shakespeare’s called MacBeth. Macbeth has had a reputation in theater circles for centuries as a cursed play. This superstition runs so deep that the name of the play is preferred not to be spoken aloud: it is safer to speak of "the Scottish play". There are also, many accidents related to the play have been reported: from sets falling over and lighting equipment suddenly failing to broken bones and attempted suicides. We choose these themes because they interested us and we liked them. We will explore the themes “Corruption of power” and “Prophecy and destiny”. The theme Corruption of power will be put in a different context of the modern time.

# Corruption of power

“For mine own good All causes shall give way. I am in blood Stepped in so far that, should I wade no more, Returning were as tedious as go o’er.” **– Macbeth**

Macbeth couldn’t handle the power he was given. You can see that in this quote, in other words it says that Macbeth was too far gone to turn back so he has to push forward and keep killing. Other evidence from the play that support this theme are: Macbeth murdered king Duncan for his position because his wife pushed him to it and he was felt forced. His wife wants him to became king by any means necessary. Macbeth also kills the guards because he wants to show how much he loved the king and was overwhelmed by rage. In reality he just wanted to silence them because he was scared that the guards would talk about what happened. Macbeth then plotted to kill his friend Banquo and Fleance (his son) because he was scarred that the prophecy of Banquo’s offspring would become true. But Fleance got away. Macbeth kills Macduff family because he heard that Macduff was building an army against him.

North Korea is a great example and the modern version of ‘corruption of power’ because you can see that kim yong un abuses his power. Kim wants to show the world that North Korea has the leaders and is the best country, he also wants that the citizens adore him and have a ‘god like almighty and all powerful’ image of him. He will use whatever is necessary to accomplish those things that sometimes lead to extreme punishments or rules.

Evidence to support this are that Kim Yong un is known for suppressing and limiting freedom of expression and information from and to the outside world. He is known for using executions, and restrictions on travel. You can link this back to Macbeth misusing his power to kill whoever stands in his way of his leadership and power.

# Prophecy and destiny

The quote I am going to use is from Act 1, Scene 3, when the three witches say:

"All hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee, Thane of Glamis!

All hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee, Thane of Cawdor!

All hail, Macbeth, that shalt be king hereafter!"

Macbeth's story is like a complicated puzzle in which themes of prophecy and fate create a gripping tale of ambition and its consequences. It all starts when the three witches make their predictions about Macbeth’s life (EXPLAIN!)

The witches' words stick with us: "Hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee, Thane of Glamis! Hail to thee, Thane of Cawdor! Who shall be king hereafter!" These prophecies become a strong pull for Macbeth, pushing him towards the risky journey to become a king. The power of these predictions is like an irresistible force that guides Macbeth down a dangerous path. The first prediction came out so soon and that gave him a sign that the other prophecies are also true.

In Macbeth, we see Macbeth, wrestling with the idea of whether fate controls him or if he has a say in what happens. His inner thoughts, show how torn he is between doing what he thinks he's meant to do and considering what's right. When he says, "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well / It were done quickly," he's so focused on making his destiny happen fast that he forgets about doing things the right way. As Macbeth questions the nature of the vision, it becomes a powerful metaphor for the moral dilemma he faces. When he has a hallucination it marks a turning point, foreshadowing the consequences of his unchecked ambition and descent into madness.

Thinking about Macbeth's story can make us think about our own lives. How often do we feel like we're stuck between what's supposed to happen and what we want to happen? Macbeth's story tells us to be careful at these points and really think about our choices because they have a big impact on how our lives turn out. It's like a heads up to be aware of what we're doing and understand that the choices we make affect our whole journey. This part is nice 😊