

Timeline of Macbeth- Scene by Scene Breakdown

- Act 1 – Scene 1:** Three witches agree to meet Macbeth on the heath.
- Act 1 – Scene 2:** King Duncan is delighted to hear that Macbeth's heroism has brought Scotland victory over the invading Norwegians who were supported by Scottish traitors.
- Act 1 – Scene 3:** The Witches surprise Macbeth and Banquo with the prediction that Macbeth will become king, and Banquo's sons will become kings, too.
- Act 1 – Scene 4:** Duncan declares his son Malcolm as his successor. Macbeth realises that to become king he will need to get rid of Malcolm.
- Act 1 – Scene 5:** Lady Macbeth welcomes Macbeth home and makes it clear that they are going to murder Duncan so that they can become king and queen.
- Act 1 – Scene 6:** Duncan arrives as a guest at the Macbeth's castle and is greeted with honour by Lady Macbeth.
- Act 1 – Scene 7:** Macbeth tells Lady Macbeth that he has changed his mind about killing Duncan. She is furious. He changes his mind again when she explains how they will get away with murder.
- Act 2 – Scene 1 & 2:** Macbeth murders Duncan but is unable to leave the murder weapons behind. Lady Macbeth takes the daggers back and plants them as false evidence on Duncan's guards.
- Act 2 – Scene 3:** Duncan's body is discovered and the Macbeth's fake a shocked reaction. Macbeth kills the guards to show how upset and angry he is that they killed Duncan. Duncan's suspicious sons flee.
- Act 2 – Scene 4:** Ross and an old man discuss the unnatural things that have happened since the murder. Macduff says he isn't going to Macbeth's coronation.
- Act 3 – Scene 1 & 2:** Macbeth is afraid of Banquo and hires some men to murder him. He doesn't share this plan with Lady Macbeth.
- Act 3 – Scene 3:** Banquo is murdered but his son escapes.
- Act 3 – Scene 4:** At his coronation feast, Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost and this terrifies him so much that Lady Macbeth has to send all the guests away.
- Act 3 – Scene 5:** The head witch, Hecate, tells off the three witches for getting too involved with Macbeth and for not involving her.
- Act 3 – Scene 6:** Lennox and a lord share their suspicions of Macbeth and look forward to Macduff's return from England with an army to set Scotland free from Macbeth's tyranny.

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