

Thoroughly answer these questions with direct quotations from the play to support your claim. Use proper citation for prose and verse in drama.

**Act I Scene iv**

1. “There’s no art / To find the mind’s construction in the face. / He was a gentleman on whom I built / An absolute trust” (I. iv. 13 – 16); Duncan. Explain what Duncan is talking about?
2. On whom does Duncan establish his “estate” upon? What in effect does this mean?
3. What is Macbeth’s reaction to Duncan’s naming of the “Prince of Cumberland” as successor to the throne? What does this tell us about his character?
4. “For in my way it lies. Stars, hide your fires; / Let not light see my black and deep desires.” (I. iv. 57 – 58). Interpret Macbeth’s aside. What does this reveal about his intent?
5. What is the significance between how the scene begins and ends?
6. Identify similes and metaphors and explain their meaning.
7. Identify one allusion and interpret.
8. How does this scene establish an appropriate contrast between the victim and the assassin?
9. What is the verbal irony of Duncan’s words about growth?
10. List Duncan’s attributes.