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***Macbeth* Text Dependent Questions – Act IV**

Scene i

1. The Second Witch says, “By the pricking of my thumbs, / Something wicked this way comes” (lines 43-44). Explain the **irony** of this statement.
2. Using specific quotes, list the three prophesies told to Macbeth, and include Macbeth’s reactions to each.

3. When Macbeth learns that Macduff has gone to England, what does he vow to do?

Scene ii

4. What is Ross’ purpose in visiting Lady Macduff at her castle?
5. What is Lady Macduff’s attitude toward her husband’s actions?

6. To what does Lady Macduff compare Macduff when speaking to Ross? To what does she compare him when speaking to her son?

7. What happens to Lady Macduff and her household?

8. **Characterize** Macduff's son and analyze the effects this characterization have on the audience.

Scene iii

9. How does Malcolm treat the arrival of Macduff?

10. How does Malcolm test Macduff? Why does Malcolm do this?

11. Define **pun**. What pun does Ross use to announce the tragedy that has occurred at home?

12. What does Malcolm tell Macduff to do with his grief?

13. At the end of this act, what is about to happen?