

## Macbeth Plot Map

Exposition	<b>Background of battles with Norway, Macbeth's reward</b>
Inciting force	<b>Witches' prophecy (Conflict: Macbeth vs. Lady Macbeth's ambition)</b>
Rising Action	<b>Macbeth kills Duncan and his guards, is crowned king, and has Banquo murdered.</b>
Climax and/or Turning Point	<b>Murderers kill Banquo and Banquo's ghost appears at the banquet. Macbeth begins to act irrationally.</b>
Falling Action	<b>Macduff and Malcolm gather forces; Macbeth foolishly places his faith in the witches' predictions</b>
Moment of Final Suspense	<b>Perhaps Macbeth will be saved since "no man of woman born" can kill him; cannot be defeated until Birnham Wood comes to Dunsinane</b>

Catastrophe	<p><b>Macduff kills Macbeth and delivers his head to Malcolm.</b></p> <p><b>(Resolution/Poetic Justice): After killing so many, Macbeth finally receives the punishment he justly deserves – death.</b></p> <p><b>(Climactic Moment ): Malcolm becomes King of Scotland; the original heir to the throne when Duncan died.</b></p>
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