

Monday

Read pages 18-21 (text 1).

Write down your impressions of Lady Macbeth. What do you think she is like as a person? Why was she shocked by the messenger's news? What do you think she is planning to do and why?

Tuesday

Read pages 22-25 (text 2).

Lady Macbeth managed to persuade / tell Macbeth that the murder would be committed during their stay with the King. She came up with a plan for how to do it.

What was the plan? What might Macbeth's reaction have been? Why? How could the plan go wrong?

You will now write the conversation that Macbeth and Lady Macbeth had. Remember, she eventually convinced him it was a good idea. Example:

Macbeth exclaimed, "But darling, what if we were to use too much – or too little – poison for the servants? We could accidentally kill them! Or they could be still drowsy and realise what we are doing. Should we really be using poison when we don't really know what we're doing?"

"Oh, Macbeth!" replied Lady Macbeth. "You do worry so, don't you?"

Make sure you punctuate your speech correctly.

Wednesday

Read pages 26-33 (texts 3 and 4).

This was huge news and had to be shared with the citizens. What reactions would they have had?

You now need to write a press release from the palace. There wasn't much known about who did what and they didn't want to mention Macbeth yet by name (regarding the chamberlain deaths).

Example:

Someone killed King Duncan last night whilst he was asleep in his chamber. No one knows, as yet, who committed this dreadful act.

Early this morning, Banquo discovered the King's corpse. Someone had fatally stabbed him in the chest.

Two chamberlains had been guarding the royal chamber; however, Macbeth killed both of them, claiming that this was revenge since they had killed the King.

Thursday

For your next task, you are going to write a newspaper article as a good way to explain about this shocking event. Why? Newspapers are written to inform a reader about a recent, important event. Think of a good headline.

Read the example below.

ROYAL DEATH

The tragic news of the untimely death of Queen Macbeth was announced today, leading to widespread mourning throughout Scotland.

Queen Macbeth (the 38-year-old wife of King Macbeth) was found - by one of her loyal maids - at approximately 8am, yesterday morning, in her royal chamber in Inverness Castle (Scotland). The maid (who does not wish to be named) had been concerned that the queen had not emerged from her chamber by 7:30 am (as she usually did), and so had checked on her. Apparently, she was deathly pale and cold to the touch so the maid quickly summoned a doctor to the scene. However, Queen Macbeth had died some hours previously and, therefore, could not be saved.

According to a royal source, "The queen had been acting strangely for many days." It is said that she had been suffering from depression and had not been sleeping well. Allegedly, the night before her death, she had been found wandering around the castle in her nightgown, frantically rubbing her hands together. The cause of her death has not yet been officially confirmed. However, it is widely thought that the queen may well have taken her own life.

The whole country is now in a state of mourning. It is reported that her husband is in a state of shock, but that he will make a statement to his subjects in the coming days.

Her body is currently being kept in a room (which is constantly guarded) in the royal household. No date has yet been set for the royal funeral, but it is expected that it will take place by the end of the month.

Before we begin writing, we need to plan our content.

What kind of people could we imagine we interviewed? *doctor, chef, maid etc.*

And what questions might we want to ask? Key points:

- what King Duncan's movements had been that evening
- whether anything strange about King Duncan's behaviour or mood were noticed
- the time and location of the king when he was killed
- the events immediately after his death – who discovered him, whether a doctor was called

Written task: write the type of person and their name and their age, then something like this:

I asked, "Did King Duncan act strangely that evening at all?"

Abigail Wright (aged 26) replied, "Now I think about it, yes, he did since he drank far more alcohol than usual. By the time he retired to his chamber, he could barely walk in a straight line. That was odd behaviour for him, definitely."

Now write four or five questions and answers (like mine above).