

*Macbeth*  
Optional Assignments

As an additional assignment for the second quarter, you may choose one of the options below. If you choose to complete it, the assignment will be considered and graded as any other assignment would. If you choose not to complete it, there will be no effect on your grade.

Option One

Worth: 50 Points

Macbeth's soliloquy in Scene 5 of Act 5 is one of the most famous in all of English Literature. Therefore, as with the opening to *The Canterbury Tales*, for this optional assignment you will memorize and recite it. You may *only* do this in front of the class. As this is a recitation, the grade will be based on accuracy of memory, pronunciation, and performance. Please let me know ahead of time when you wish to recite. Wednesday 22 January is the last day that you may recite.

Option Two

Worth: 100 Points

*Macbeth* is a play, and is therefore meant to be performed. For this optional assignment, choose one of the scenes listed below and record a performance of it.

- Act 5, Scene 1: Lady Macbeth sleepwalks
- Act 4, Scene 1: Macbeth visits the witches
- Act 3, Scene 4: Banquo's ghost
- Act 2, Scene 2: Bloody daggers, bloody hands
- Act 1, Scene 3: The witches visit Macbeth and Banquo

Guidelines for scene recreation:

- Scene must be recorded and posted to Edmodo (if you upload it to YouTube, post the link on Edmodo). It may not be performed live in class.
- You must choose one of the scenes above, and recreate only that scene.
- You may work in groups. However, if you do so, each group member must appear in the video (so, no "behind the scenes" credit), and all groups must be approved ahead of time, by me.
- As with all such projects, you will be graded on accuracy and creativity. Make it interesting, but also keep in mind what the scene represents. **MAKE IT FUN; MAKE IT GOOD.**