

# CHARACTERS

## The Three Witches

Three supernatural beings who practice a kind of black magic. Their prophecies of Macbeth's rise to power set the events of the play in motion.

## Duncan

The King of Scotland, later murdered by Macbeth.

## Malcolm and Donalbain

Duncan's sons. Early in the play Malcolm is named as Duncan's heir – making him a suspect when Duncan is murdered.

## Macbeth

An ambitious warrior, one of the leaders of Duncan's army. The Witches' prophecy leads him to murder Duncan so that he himself can be king.

## Lady Macbeth

Macbeth's wife.

## A Porter

A doorman at Macbeth's castle.

## Banquo

Macbeth's friend, and cocommander in Duncan's army. He also hears the witches' prophecies, but resists their temptation.

## Fleance

Banquo's son.

## Macduff

A Scottish thane (nobleman) who comes to prominence after the murder of Duncan and leads the opposition to Macbeth.

## Lady Macduff

His wife, later murdered on Macbeth's orders.

## Siward

The Earl of Northumberland, commander of the English army. He supports Malcolm's return to the Scottish throne.

*Also assorted noblemen, soldiers, apparitions, murderers, messengers and a doctor.*