

## English 12 Q2 : MacBeth: Argumentative Essay

Prompt: Agree or disagree: Who is more responsible for the the murder of King Duncan--Lady MacBeth or MacBeth?

As you read *MacBeth*, take notes documenting examples and ideas to support or refute who is more responsible for King Duncan's murder.

When you are finished reading the play, decide who is more responsible for King Duncan's murder. Follow the outline below to draft your essay.

DRAFT your essay in a Googledoc named Yourlastname Eng12Q2 MacBeth and share the document with your English instructor (for Pathways, share with Mrs. Botsford).

### OUTLINE

Introduction paragraph

HOOK: Find a quote, create a metaphor, or a scenario about the ideas of murder, betrayal, paranoia, and/or greed

BACKGROUND: Introduce the play title, author, and give a brief summary of the play's plot, focusing on the murder of Duncan.

THESIS/CLAIM: State whether MacBeth or Lady MacBeth is more responsible for King Duncan's murder.

Body paragraph #1

TOPIC SENTENCE: Give one reason [MacBeth or Lady MacBeth-whichever you chose in thesis] is more responsible for King Duncan's death.

EXAMPLE (specific) from the play that SHOWS your point:

ARGUE/DISCUSS: how and why does this example prove that \_\_\_\_\_ is more responsible for King Duncan's death?

CONCLUDING SENTENCE: Tie back to the idea in the topic sentence of this paragraph to wrap up the paragraph.

Body paragraph #2

TOPIC SENTENCE: Give a second reason [MacBeth or Lady MacBeth-whichever you chose in thesis] is more responsible for King Duncan's death.

EXAMPLE (specific) from the play that SHOWS your point:

ARGUE/DISCUSS: how and why does this example prove that \_\_\_\_\_ is more responsible for King Duncan's death?

CONCLUDING SENTENCE: Tie back to the idea in the topic sentence of this paragraph to wrap up the paragraph.

### Body paragraph #3

TOPIC SENTENCE: Give a third reason [MacBeth or Lady MacBeth-whichever you chose in thesis] is more responsible for King Duncan's death.

EXAMPLE (specific) from the play that SHOWS your point:

ARGUE/DISCUSS: how and why does this example prove that \_\_\_\_\_ is more responsible for King Duncan's death?

CONCLUDING SENTENCE: Tie back to the idea in the topic sentence of this paragraph to wrap up the paragraph.

### Conclusion

Transition to signal the end of the essay+restate the thesis/claim

Briefly summarize three main points (1-2 sentences max.)

Leave the readers with a thought-provoking idea about the theme of betrayal, greed, OR paranoia.