

Macbeth Act II NOTES



Act II

- ⊗ **Rising Action**—characters often make decisions and begin to act upon them
- ⊗ **Can begin to separate the “good” characters from the “bad”**
- ⊗ **Scene one: atmosphere VERY DARK**—what does it signify?
- ⊗ **Banquo cannot sleep**—again, he is uneasy (evidence of dramatic foil again)
- ⊗ **Macbeth LIES**—says he is not thinking about the witches’ prophecies. Why does he lie???
- ⊗ **A BELL** will be used to signal Macbeth to kill Duncan
- ⊗ **Macbeth’s soliloquy**
 - ⊗ **Hallucinates a dagger hanging in the air in front of him “Marshalling”** (leading) him on to his duty
 - ⊗ **Has a sense of unease**
 - ⊗ **Questions his own sanity**