

By the end of studying **Act 5 Scene 6** I need to know;

Plot: Outside the castle, the battle commences. Malcolm orders the English soldiers to throw down their boughs and draw their swords.

Ideas: Birnam Wood has actually come to Dunsinane Hill and the witch's prophecy is coming true.

Vocabulary	Screens- disguise Tyrant- cruel leader Clamorous- loud Harbinger- indicator
Context (To inform interpretation)	CHAIN OF BEING- This established a clear hierarchy of the natural world and people believed that, providing this natural hierarchy was sustained then everything in the world was balanced. They also believed that if, for some reason, it isn't sustained then the world plunges into chaos. It was generally accepted that it was impossible to move objects within the hierarchy without some sort of magic or supernatural occurrence.
Themes	SUPERNATURAL- The apparition which was displayed by the witches is now proving to be true "Macbeth shall never vanquished be until Great Birnam Wood to high Dunsinane Hill Shall come against him." WAR- We see war in the opening and the ending of the play. The opening shows Macbeth at his strongest and bravest, whereas the war at the end highlights Macbeth's weakness. Here, Macbeth is weak as he has no companion, no one to support him and he has no control against the prophecy.
Deeper understanding	This short nature of this scene builds tension as it leads the action at a fast pace to the war. This scene also highlights that, although Macbeth is king, he has a lack of control.
Quotes and references	"Let us be beaten if we cannot fight." "Make all our trumpets speak" "Your leafy screens throw down,"
Terminology	Adjectives- 'worthy' 'noble' Declaratives Personification

Reading:

- Malcom, Siward, Macduff and the rest of the army are approaching Macbeth's castle
- They have used branches from Birnam Wood as camouflage and lay them down as they are close enough
- The men wish each other well for the battle as it commences

Links across the text:

"That will never be. Who can impress the forest" Macbeth thoughts that this prophecy could never come true.

"For brave Macbeth—well he deserves that name" Act 1 scene 2 shows Macbeth at his bravest, now we see that he is weak and lonely.