

# Learning Journey: Year 10 *Macbeth*



## Big Idea: Fate vs Free will

**Fate:** the development of events outside a person's control, regarded as predetermined by a supernatural/higher power.

**Free will:** the belief that people have a choice in what they do and that their actions have not been decided in advance by any other power



**MACBETH**  
William Shakespeare

## What do I need to understand?



- Life in the Jacobean era
- **Life & works of Shakespeare, King James 1<sup>st</sup>**
- The monarchy
- **Divine Right of Kings**
- Gender roles
- **Fate vs free will**
- Treason & regicide
- **Attitudes to witchcraft & the supernatural**
- The Globe Theatre
- **Plot, themes, characters, quotations and context**

## What skills will I learn?

- Language analysis through extract annotation
- **Understanding Shakespearian language**
- Quotation analysis
- **How to write analytically (PEAKTWIRL/PETAL paragraph)**
- Exploration of themes, characters, plot & context of the play
- **How the play is built as a construct (put together as a full text)**

## What are we learning?

In this unit, you will study *Macbeth*; the Shakespeare text on your GCSE exam.

**You will develop the literature skills practised in ACC and poetry and apply to a new genre of writing - a tragedy play.**

*Macbeth* will broaden your knowledge of literature through exploration of the Jacobean era, the life & works of Shakespeare and themes such as power & conflict.

## How will I practise these skills?

- **Teacher modelled extract annotation**
- Model examples of analytical writing
- **Assessing examples with success criteria**
- Planning exam style responses
- **Peer & self-assessing**



## How will I be assessed on my writing skills?

HT5

**Formative:** How does Shakespeare present *Macbeth* as a tragic hero? (extract only)

**Summative:** How does Shakespeare present guilt? (exam style response)

**NB:** You'll be completing a *Macbeth* exam question as part of your End of Year Exams in HT6!

Think BIG

CHASE  
Dreams

SUCCEED  
TOGETHER