

Macbeth
Research Project

Directions: Choose **one** of the topics to research. Every topic has a written portion and a visual portion. Please follow all directions throughout the process. You need this handout in your line-of-sight every time you work on this project!

Keep track of what sources you use in your research because you need the information for your bibliography page. You are not limited to online sources. In fact, you must have at least 3 different sources and one of them must be a book (or encyclopedia, journal, reference, etc.).

The visual is PART OF the written portion. It will be included in your paper and it must be in color (color printing or actual coloring by hand). You can have your visual at the end of the written portion or located throughout your research—whatever seems appropriate.

You need to bring a flash-stick to class to save information. You cannot send information via email. Most of your research will be done in portions of class time, but you need to be able to do some research outside of class (hence, the flash-stick).

The best way to eliminate plagiarism is to know that any sentence that has quoted/cited material needs to start and end with your words (integrating quote). You basically need to tell me why, when, how, where, etc. (some not all) about the quote in order for it to be in your paper. For example:

Me: "Bella, say something"

Bella: "Um, Hi"

Me: "I can't just put 'um, hi' in my paper without context. My paper needs my words before and after it to explain why I am using that quote, why it is important enough to be in my paper. So I would write: "When asked in class today to say something, Bella responded to Mrs. Lyons with "Um, Hi," which really was not the kind of in-depth example she was looking for, but she made it work" (endnote).

☐ **The Stuart Family**

- Research the family tree of the Stuarts, tracing them at least back to Kenneth II and ending with James I of England.
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- Construct the family tree (this is the visual)
 - include images of family members with their names (not needed for EVERY member)
 - needs color and creativity

☐ **Animal Allusions**

- Research the significance of the following animals: raven, owl, cat, falcon, toad, martlet, snake, bear. What connotations did each of these animals have to the people of the Middle Ages and/or the Renaissance?
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- need a visual of each animal with a phrase of what each one represents (you may have the animal located with the research or all animals at end of paper)
 - needs color and creativity

☐ **Witchcraft**

- Research Medieval and Renaissance beliefs of witchcraft
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- need a visual that supports your research
 - needs color and creativity

□ **Macbeth's Scotland**

- Research Scotland as it was during the course of the play. Locate the various sites of the action.
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- construct a map of Scotland as it looked during the time of *Macbeth*
 - needs color and creativity

□ **Guilt, Hallucinations, and Madness**

- What can be found relating to late 16th, early 17th century English understanding of each of these?
- What about medicine, spirituality, philosophy?
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- need a visual that supports your research
 - needs color and creativity

□ **Religious Controversies (early 17th century)**

- What is the religious, and therefore political, state of England and Scotland in the late 16th and early 17th century with respect religion? Make sure to include information about *The Gunpowder Plot* (What is it? Who was a part of it? Why?, etc.)
 - must include how this information supports *Macbeth*
- need a visual that supports your research
 - needs color and creativity

Final Product (all typed):

- need a title page for whole project
 - title is something creative
 - your name and class period at bottom of title page
- written research is 3-5 pages (**visual aid is NOT part of this page count**)
 - 3 FULL pages is the minimum
 - 5 ¼ pages is TOO MUCH
 - research is in your own words until you support something with textual evidence (need endnote)
- visual is one page minimum (part of project and included in folder)
 - location of visual in folder is up to you as long as it makes sense
 - any pictures you take from a source need documentation (just put source information next to image and/or include in bibliography)
- bibliography page
 - located at end of report
 - please refer to a MLA handout for format of page (I have some you can look at and they are also available online for free)

Formatting Final Product:

- double-spaced
- 12 size font, Times New Roman, Bookman Old Style Font style (boring font—I am using Arial)
- 1" margins
- black ink
- research paper folder (new one, not one that is falling part or is yellow with years of abuse)
- whole project is assembled when you enter the room on the due date (you may come to a Tutorial to prep it if necessary)

Due Date: _____

FINE PRINT: Since this is a long-term project, the due date is the due date. If you are absent on the due date, you must figure out a way to get the report turned in by 10:00 a.m. on due date. If you turn it in at a later date, you will automatically receive ½ credit, regardless of how amazing your project is!