

52. **pristine health.** Health enjoyed in former times.  
 54. **Pull't off.** Pull off my armour.  
 55. **Rhubarb and senna** are used as purgative medicines.  
 56. **bane.** Ruin.

#### QUESTIONS.

1. Red blood was looked upon as a sign of courage, and whiteness as a sign of cowardice. Point out the different expressions that Macbeth uses to suggest that his servant is cowardly.
2. "In spite of his reliance upon the prophecies of the weird sisters, Macbeth is filled with doubt and anxiety as to the future." Explain this statement by reference to Macbeth's words and actions in this scene.
3. "In spite of Macbeth's crimes, Shakespeare does not wish the audience to lose all sympathy with him." Point out any details in this scene that are intended to appeal to the sympathy of the audience.
4. What purpose is served by introducing the doctor into this scene?

#### SCENE IV.

This short scene serves to reassure the audience as to the approach of the English; and at the same time it prepares us for the scene following, in which the messenger announces to Macbeth that Birnam Wood does "come to Dunsinane."

2. **chambers will be safe.** From murderers and spies.  
 6-7. **make discovery err.** Cause those who are sent out to discover our numbers to make a mistake.  
 11. Wherever they get an advantage or opportunity to desert they do so.  
 12. **more and less.** Great and small.  
 13. **constrained things.** Creatures who are forced to serve him.  
 14-5. We shall have to await the result of the battle before we can judge accurately; in the meantime let us do our best as soldiers.  
**just censures.** Accurate judgments.  
**Attend.** Await.