

Student Exemplar: Tehya’s 7.3 Artist Assignment on Macbeth

Use the following checklist to ensure you have completed the assignments entirely:

I have selected the following essential question with this role:
<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How important is it to pursue our passions?</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to “live well”?</div>
I have confirmed that . . .
<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My assignment considers the essential question through the entire text.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have created an original text.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have included a short paragraph that explains the choices I made in creating my text(s).</div>

7.3 Tehya’s Artist Exemplar for Macbeth

Essential Question: How important is it to pursue our passions?

My description of the museum exhibit I made on the following page:



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As the artist, I would like to explain my display briefly. Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are the **main characters** in the play, and I have tried to explain it from an artist's point of view. The whole play is about getting the crown and keeping the crown. Macbeth and Lady Macbeth sacrificed reputation, honour, integrity, and sanity in order to achieve this crown. The picture of the crown is **symbolic** of power and authority. Lady Macbeth is **drenched in blood** and gleefully demonstrates her willingness to give up her total being as a person and a mother in order to achieve this grand and glorious crown. Unbridled ambition can do little else except hand **one's** **head** over to justice and that is what happened. Macbeth did not understand fully what it was **that** he had unleashed in his life, until it was too late.

It's interesting that Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are both the protagonists and antagonists in the play, isn't it?

Nice word choice!

Too true. Both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth suffered greatly for their poor judgement.

7.3 Tehya's Artist Exemplar for *Macbeth* (continued)

The crown and the devil are in opposite corners to illustrate the opposite choices. The choices that you make along the way lead to consequences that you will face and which way you are going as a person. Banquo, in the bottom left corner is contrasted with Lady Macbeth in the top right corner. Banquo looks like he is respected and honourable, but he, too, chose for himself and his children and did not step up to the plate to do the right thing when he suspected Macbeth had murdered Duncan. He chose to keep quiet which led to his own murder. Lady Macbeth, the catalyst in Macbeth's bloody pursuits, went insane with the blood and the gore and likely killed herself out of guilt.

The contrast is clear, now that you have explained it here. I wonder if you could show this contrast visually, in your layout of the page.

It is important to pursue our passions, but there are limits to how far we can go to achieve ambitions. The choices that we make in the pursuit of these passions will have direct consequences in who we become and the deep rooted satisfaction that we will feel. The central point is that whether we follow the true path or the false path in striving for our goals, the "cup" of life, eventually justice will win out and justice will be done and integrity will be rewarded. These are the aspects of life that passed Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, and Banquo by as the choices that they made were poor.

Consider rephrasing this into two sentences to be more effective.



TEHYA'S MUSEUM

Artifacts of Pursuing Passion:
The Life and Times of *Macbeth*

Macbeth – “All that impedes
thee from the golden Round”
(I, v, 27)



“Behold where stands the Usurpers
cursed head. The time is free.”
(I, vii, 65-66)

Lady Macbeth:
“Unsex me here and fill
me. from the crown to
the toe, top-full of direst
cruelty” (I, v, 44-46)!

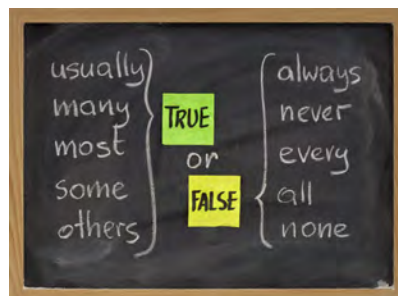


Justice Will Win Out:
“Blood will have blood, they say”
(III, iv, 146)

Integrity
Adherence to moral princ
In ethics, integrity is rega
the honesty and truthfult
uprightness, sincerity, a

The Importance of Pursuing Passions: Choices create consequences!

What will your choice be?



Banquo: But that myself should be the root and father of many kings
(III, i, 5-6)

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