***Macbeth* Webquest: Preparing Yourself**

**Overview**

This activity is designed to give you a crash course in the world of Shakespeare and his famous tragedy *Macbeth* **WRITE ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Do not copy them word-for-word from the website.**

**Part One: Shakespeare and You: Getting to know William Shakespeare**

-Go to the website below and read about Shakespeare. Once you have read it, answer the following questions on this sheet.

https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/shakespedia/william-shakespeare/william-shakespeare-biography/

1. When and where was Shakespeare born?

2. When did Shakespeare start writing plays? How long did his career last? 3. How many plays did Shakespeare write in his time?

**Part Two: The True Story of Macbeth**

Consult this website to find the following information

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\_figures/macbeth.shtml

Read the brief article, The True Story of Macbeth. In one paragraph, explain who ruled first; then explain how Macbeth took the throne. What was his rule like? How did he die? What happened?

**Part Three: The Witches**

Head to this website for a crash course on witches, witch hunts, and Macbeth.

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/stuart/shakespeares-macbeth-and-king-jamess-witch-hunts/>

-What is the mission of the witches in *Macbeth*?

**Step Four: Getting a Vision of Scotland**

1. Glamis Castle (pronounced Gl-ahms) is a classic Scottish landmark. Visit this site and learn about the castle, look at the pictures, and get a feel for it. https://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/the-castle/

Once you arrive at the site and look around, respond to the following questions:

-Whose family home is this and how long has it been in existence?

-What connection does this castle have with the current Royal Family in England?

2. Cawdor Castle (pronounced Cow-door) is another classic Scottish landmark. Go to this website: http://www.cawdorcastle.com/tour/castle.cfm

Take some time to explore the timeline. Click on one of the links to rooms in the castle and take a look around. Find the following information and share it with me:

-What did you learn about the thorn tree?

-What did you learn about the Old Kitchen? What fascinates you about it?