

# Drama

**Drama :** A kind of literature where stories are composed in verse or prose, usually to be acted, where conflicts and emotion are expressed through dialogues and actions.

## **Kinds of Drama**

1-Tragedy: Is a kind of drama where a story ends with a negative or unfortunate outcome.

2-Comedy : Is a kind of drama where a story ends with happy incidents or outcome .

## **\*Important Elements in Drama**

1-Actors: The person who acts on the stage or in a film.

2-Soliloquy: A speech meant to be heard by the audience but not the other characters .

3-Protagonist (hero): major character in the literary work.

4-Audience: The people who are watching the play.

5-Stage: A raised platform in the theatre which actors stand to perform.

## **The Play *Macbeth***

The play opens with Macbeth and Banquo, two of the Scottish King Duncan's generals returning from battle when they encounter three witches in the woods. The witches tell Macbeth of how he will become the Thane of Cawdor and then the King of Scotland. For Banquo, they tell him that he will become a father for many kings .

However, when the two come closer to the encampment, they are presented with a messenger from King Duncan who tells them that Macbeth has been made the Thane of Cawdor, the prophecy becomes true. Macbeth wonders how he might become a king. He invites Duncan to dine at his castle that evening and goes ahead to tell his wife of the day's events. Lady Macbeth convinces her husband to murder Duncan that night.

Immediately, Macbeth because he is afraid that Banquo and his son take the crown ,he decide to kill them. Successfully he kills Banquo, and fail to kill Fleance his son who escape.

To ease his fears, he visits the witches again and they offer to him more prophecies. He must beware of Macduff, a chief opponent to Macbeth taking the throne. He cannot be harmed by any man born of woman and he is safe until Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane Castle. He returns home and finds that Macduff has fled to England to join Malcom. In fear, Macbeth seizes Macduff's castle and orders the murder of his wife and children.

Lady Macbeth then becomes mad, unable to wash the blood from her hands. She killed herself that makes Macbeth sad. Macduff's collect army covered with branches cut from Birnam wood. Macduff defeated Macbeth and announced that he was "ripped from his mother's womb" he beheads Macbeth, handing the crown back to Malcolm.

## **Macbeth**

Macbeth is a Scottish general. Three witches predict that he will be made thane of Cawdor comes true. Macbeth is a brave soldier and a powerful man, but he is not a virtuous one. He became a murderer to fulfill his ambitions to the throne, and once he commits his first crime and is crowned King of Scotland, he embarks on further atrocities with increasing ease. Ultimately, Macbeth proves himself better suited to the battlefield than to be a king, because he lacks the skills necessary to rule without being a tyrant. His response to every problem is violence and murder. Macbeth is never comfortable in his role as a criminal. He is unable to bear the psychological consequences of what he done .In the end of the play Macduff kills him.

## **Lady Macbeth**

Macbeth's wife, a deeply ambitious woman who lusts for power and position. Early in the play she seems to be the stronger and more ruthless than her husband, as she urges him to kill Duncan and take the crown. After the bloodshed begins, however, Lady Macbeth falls victim to guilt and madness to an even greater degree than her husband. Her conscience affects her to kill herself.