

# MACBETH

## ACT II NOTES

# COMIC RELIEF

- Inclusion of a humorous character, dialogue, or situation in an otherwise serious play
- Relieves tension



# SYMBOLISM

- The writer uses an object to stand for something beyond itself
  - Ex. Owls' scream & crickets' cry
    - Death
  - Ex. Falcon killed by its young
    - Duncan's Murder



I commonly  
symbolize death

FYI... I can  
also mean  
wisdom

# PROSE

- Written in sentences & paragraphs
  - Lady MacBeth read her husband's letter
  - Porter's soliloquy

*LADY MAC: "They met me in the day of success; and I have learned by the perfect'st report they have more in them than mortal knowledge. When I burned in desire to question them further, they made themselves air, into which they vanished."*

# RHYMED VERSE

- Poetry with end rhyme
- Witches' lines
- At the end of a scene or act (gives a "wrapped up" feeling)

*When shall we three meet **again**?*  
*In thunder, lightning, or in **rain**?*  
*When the hurlyburly's **done**,*  
*When the battle's lost and **won**.*  
*That will be ere the set of **sun**.*

RHYME

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# BLANK VERSE

- AKA unrhymed iambic pentameter
- Iamb: stress pattern of alternating stressed ( / ) and unstressed ( u ) syllables
- Marked as / u
- Pentameter: stress pattern repeats 5 times
- Mimics the pattern of natural speech



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