

Macbeth Historical Analysis Essay

This historical analysis essay will be written in-class on Thursday. The requirements are:

- 3 quotes from *Macbeth*
- 3 sources in parentheses (these include *Macbeth*, Chilton lectures, historical fair presentations, classroom discussions, website research)
- 3+ handwritten pages (double-spaced, each side counts as a page)

You may bring **this** one sheet of paper to the writing of this essay. You can outline, research, collect quotes on this sheet of paper.

Choose **one** of the following, please label on your paper which prompt you are addressing:

1. How did the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 influence the writing and performance of *Macbeth*?
2. How did the reign of King James I influence the writing and performance of *Macbeth*?
3. How did the cultural and historical context of the Elizabethan and Jacobean time period influence the writing and performance of *Macbeth*?
4. How did the phenomenon of "equivocation" influence the writing and performance of *Macbeth*?

Outline / Plan / Quotes / Research: