

Act II and III Paragraphs

Write a detailed (3-5 paragraph) response to the following questions. Be sure to give specific examples from the text to support your response.

1. Name the root cause for all basic human fear and explain why this concept creates fear in human beings. Then, describe at least two specific examples in which Macbeth experiences fear in Acts 2 and/or 3 of the play and what actions he takes in each case to suppress his fear.
2. Define the concept of “comic relief” and how the character of The Porter exemplifies it. Then, define the concept of “entendre” and give an example of The Porter’s use of it.
3. Define the literary concept of “foreshadowing.” Then, give at least two examples of Shakespeare’s use of foreshadowing in Acts 2 and/or 3 of the play.
4. Give at least one physical and one psychological manifestation of fear (i.e.: how fear shows up in human behavior and thoughts). Then, explain why and in what situation(s) in the play Macbeth might have displayed these manifestations and why.