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English *Macbeth,* 1.5

- 1. Where does scene 1.5 take place?
- 2. 1.5.16: Lady Macbeth says, "I fear thy nature: It is too full o' th' milk of human kindness To catch the nearest way."
 - a. Whom does "thy" refer to?
 - b. What is Lady Macbeth afraid about in this person's nature?
 - c. What does the "nearest way" refer to?
- 3. Lady Macbeth continues: "Thou woudst be great, Art not without ambition, but without The illness should attend it. What thou woudst highly, That woudst thou holily; woudst not play false And yet wouldst wrongly win." (1.5.20-24)
 - a. According to Lady Macbeth, does Macbeth have ambition?
 - b. What does "illness" mean in this context?
 - c. What is Lady Macbeth saying about her husband's character?
 - d. Why do you think Lady Macbeth avoids saying "murder" and instead uses "that" and "it" to refer to it indirectly?
- 4. According to Lady Macbeth, what is preventing Macbeth from committing the murder? (see line 26 for additional reason)