

The Disruption of Nature in Macbeth

Lennox: 'The night has been unruly. Where we lay, Our chimneys were blown down and, as they say, Lamentings heard i' th' air, strange screams of death, And prophesying with accents terrible Of dire combustion and confused events' Act 2 Scene 4

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3. Annotate the quote explaining what is happening to nature in this quote
4. Annotate the quote explaining why you think nature is being disrupted

Old Man: 'A falcon, tow'ring in her pride of place,
Was by a mousing owl hawked at and killed.' Act 2 Scene 4

Ross: 'By th' clock 'tis day,
And yet dark night strangles the travelling lamp.
Is 't night's predominance or the day's shame
That darkness does the face of Earth entomb
When living light should kiss it?' Act 2 Scene 4



Challenge:

Link your annotations to your contextual knowledge about Jacobean beliefs about the King

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Ross: 'Thou seest the heavens, as troubled
with man's act, Threatens his bloody stage.' Act
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Lennox: 'New hatched to the woeful time. The obscure bird
Clamored the livelong night. Some say the Earth
Was feverous and did shake.' Act 2 Scene 3

Ross: 'And Duncan's horses—a thing most
strange and certain— Beauteous and swift, the
minions of their race,
Turned wild in nature, broke their stalls, flung
out, Contending 'gainst obedience, as they
would Make war with mankind.' Act 2 Scene 4



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