

Quiz: RL.9-10.3

Read the passage. Then answer the question.

Act V from *Macbeth*
William Shakespeare

A doctor and gentlewoman come to see Lady Macbeth, who is sleepwalking and describing seeing blood on her hands, after plotting to murder the king with her husband Macbeth.

ACT V.**SCENE I. Dunsinane. A Room in the Castle.**

[Enter a Doctor of Physic and a Waiting-Gentlewoman.]

- 1 DOCTOR. I have two nights watched with you, but can perceive no truth in your report. When was it she last walked?
- 2 GENTLEWOMAN. Since his majesty went into the field, I have seen her rise from her bed, throw her night-gown upon her, unlock her closet, take forth paper, fold it, write upon it, read it, afterwards seal it, and again return to bed; yet all this while in a most fast sleep.
- 3 DOCTOR. A great perturbation in nature,—to receive at once the benefit of sleep, and do the effects of watching—In this slumbry agitation, besides her walking and other actual performances, what, at any time, have you heard her say?
- 4 GENTLEWOMAN. That, sir, which I will not report after her.
- 5 DOCTOR. You may to me; and 'tis most meet you should.
- 6 GENTLEWOMAN. Neither to you nor any one; having no witness to confirm my speech. Lo you, here she comes!

[Enter Lady Macbeth, with a taper.]
- 7 This is her very guise; and, upon my life, fast asleep. Observe her; stand close.
- 8 DOCTOR. How came she by that light?
- 9 GENTLEWOMAN. Why, it stood by her: she has light by her continually; 'tis her command.
- 10 DOCTOR. You see, her eyes are open.
- 11 GENTLEWOMAN. Ay, but their sense is shut.
- 12 DOCTOR. What is it she does now? Look how she rubs her hands.

