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*Macbeth*  
Activity #1: Anticipation Guide  
Use Before Reading

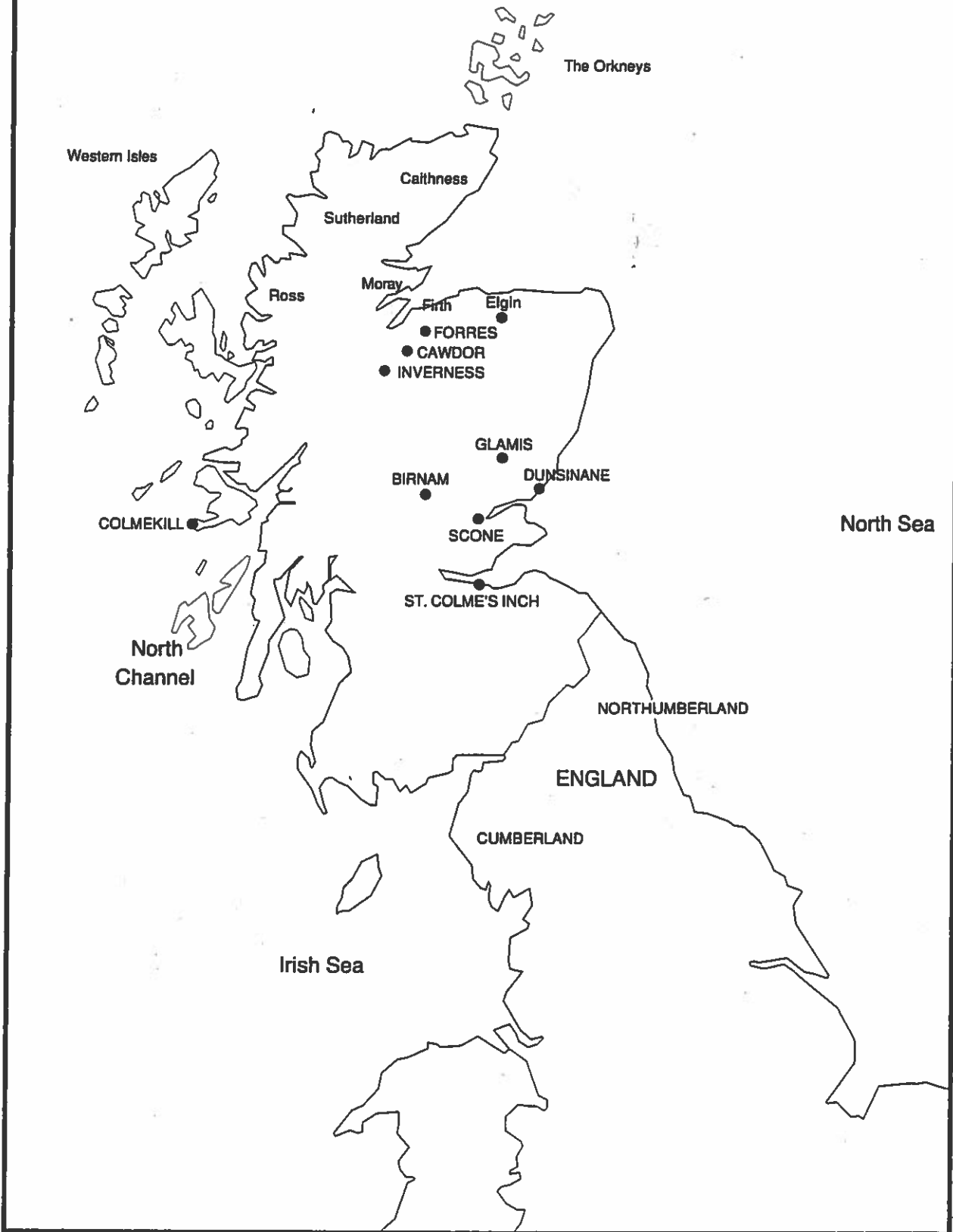
### ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Discuss the statements below with a small group. Write "A" next to statements with which your group agrees. If you disagree with the statement, write "D." If your group can not come to consensus, write "NC."

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. People who are striving to get ahead often step on other people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. You shouldn't put too much faith in fortune-tellers and others who claim to be able to predict the future.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Being powerful usually is the same thing as being happy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. People who are involved in criminal activities can still feel love, fear, and concern for other people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Everyone is capable of murder under the right circumstances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. If you commit a crime and don't get caught, it doesn't really matter because your guilt over what you have done will destroy you in the end.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In feudal times, power over a kingdom usually passed peacefully from father to son.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. One mistake can often lead to another.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The forces of good and evil are always locked in a struggle and probably always will be.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Witches have always existed; they still do today.

*Macbeth*, the play you are preparing to read, is one of Shakespeare's famous tragedies. From what members of your group know about tragedy as a literary form, what are some things which you might expect to find in this play?

Key: Cities in ALL CAPS are found in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*



It will be helpful to students' understanding of the play if they can easily glance at a character chart during the reading. Before reading a scene where a new character is introduced, have students find on the charts his or her name, description, and relationship to other characters. A suggested format follows.

## Main Characters in Macbeth

Character Name/Description:	Introduced in:	
	Act	Scene
The Three Witches (also called "Weird Sisters")	I	i
Duncan, King of Scotland, Macbeth's cousin	I	ii
Malcolm, elder son of Duncan	I	ii
Ross, Scottish nobleman (Thane of Ross)	I	ii
Macbeth, Thane (lord) of Glamis, Captain in King's Army	I	iii
Banquo, Scottish nobleman, Captain, friend of Macbeth	I	iii
Lady Macbeth, Macbeth's wife	I	v
Fleance, son of Banquo	II	i
Macduff, Scottish nobleman	II	iii
Donalbain, younger son of Duncan	II	iii
Lennox, Scottish nobleman	II	iii
Murderers	III	i
Hecate, Queen of the Witches	IV	i
Lady Macduff	IV	ii
Old Siward, Macduff's father	V	iv
Young Siward, Macduff's brother	V	viii

### Relationships:

