

Candidate 4 evidence

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	Macbeth - Choose a play with an important theme or issue.	
T A R G E T	<p>In the tragedy 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare, an important theme explored throughout is ambition and now it can be an issue if left unchecked. In the play, the the main character Macbeth's narrative is ambition and hubris which worsens throughout eventually ending in his death. The theme is highlighted with the use of soliloquys, metaphors and language.</p>	
	<p>In Act 1 Scene 3, Macbeth's ambitious thoughts are first heightened after he interacts with the witches who say 'All hail Macbeth ^{thou shalt} the will be king hereafter.' The witches prophecy of this is told when Macbeth is only king of Cawdor, however after he hears this his desire to be more is opened. Shakespeare highlights explores ambition using with this use of language</p>	

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<p>to highlight that ambition can be enhanced when something powerful is said and that Macbeth has always been ambitious deep down. The audience is shocked as they can see a noble soldier slowly be manipulated into becoming a tyrant.</p>	
<p>Shakespeare also explores the theme and issue of ambition through Lady Macbeth. In Act 1 scene 5 after receiving her husband's letter, she announces "Come you spirits, who tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here." In this soliloquy, her tone is powerful and full of defiance, showing this is what she truly desires. She calls on dark spirits to remove her femininity as she feels trapped in her female self, unable of the masculine ambition and power of Jacobean times. Shakespeare explores that the influence of ambition can be dangerous if unchecked and the audience are in disbelief as they see the Lady</p>	

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	<p>be so unpure. Shakespeare also shows this dark influence through Macbeth himself, "let not light see my dark and deep desires." This metaphor implies that Macbeth knows he is doing wrong with the use of 'dark' connotating evil, however he must continue on to reach his full self.</p>
	<p>The audience can see him becoming more forward and powerful with his ambition, leaving them scared for what's to come.</p>
	<p>Even as though ambition is a p powerful emotional the, it doesn't always lead to happiness. Shakespeare continues exploring this theme and issue through Lady Macbeth in act 5 scene 1, "Out damned spot! Out I say!" She commands this with the exclamation mark showing this. In this soliloquy, Shakespeare makes it evident that from her ambition to be a kill King Duncan for</p>

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	<p>her husband has resided into guilt and a unhappiness. The 'blisspot' is a metaphor for the blood of the murderous crimes committed and a constant reminder of the actions taken. The audience watch with pity as she desents to madness caused by her ambitious thoughts. Shakespeare also conveys this message in Act 2, scene 2 when Macbeth Macbeth says 'I hear the owl scream and the crickets cry.' After Duncans murder, Macbeth is paranoid of the servants laughing, at feeling they know of the deed he committed. Shakespeares use of language captivates how his ambition has changed to fear, however the ambition overules this to keep him going. The audience can see the downside of the ambitious mindset and are curious to wether it can be handled.</p>	
	<p>Shakespeare in the end exp shows the theme and issue as how it affects other people. In Near the</p>	

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ending of the play, Malcolm says "Bleed Bleed, poor country." This language and word choice highlights that Scotland has lost its control after Duncan's death. The repetition of 'bleed' symbolises the amount of violence caused by Macbeth's ambition, leaving the country in a bad place. Shakespeare, at the start of 'Macbeth', refers to him as 'Brave Macbeth' ^{a noble soldier,} however by the end he is an evil tyrant, a 'butcher.' The audience are disgraced by the leadership and kingship Macbeth had shown due to his fatal flaw of ambition.

In conclusion, 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare is a tragic tale of a noble soldier subcome to ambition. Shakespeare shows this throughout using his quotations and techniques to show the

