**Setting and Characters in Macbeth**

**Setting: Scotland, 11th Century**

**Duncan – King of Scotland; is fighting a war against two Scottish traitors and the Norwegians.**

**Macdonwald – one of the Scottish traitors/killed**

**Thane of Cawdor - the other of the 2 traitors/captured**

**(thane – an aristocratic title in Scotland – a thane has wealth, social status, lands and castle; the title can be given or taken away by the king)**

**Malcolm – eldest son of Duncan; he will become the Prince of Cumberland which means when Duncan dies, he will become king.**

**Donalbain – Duncan’s younger son**

**Macbeth – thane of Glamis; he also fights for Duncan in battle where he kills Macdonwald: “unseamed him from the nave to th’ chops.”**

**Lady Macbeth – wife of Macbeth, is called a “Lady” b/c she is the wife of a thane.**

**Banquo – serves with Macbeth in Duncan’s army, is a good friend of Macbeth’s.**

**Fleance – is Banquo’s young son, is approximately 12-13 years old.**

**MacDuff – the thane of Fife, is also a member of Duncan’s army and very loyal to King Duncan.**

**Lady MacDuff – wife of MacDuff.**

**Ross – another Scottish nobleman; watch him in the movie – he seems to have switching loyalties!**

**Lennox, Angus – other Scottish noblemen – minor characters**

**Porter – he is a servant who opens the door to the castle among other duties.**

**THE WITCHES!!! – three main witches (Hecate is the “boss” witch who comes in periodically); these three are bent on tricking Macbeth, on playing with his mind and his thinking – just for fun!**