

Embedded English
Packet Assignment D

In William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, Macbeth and his wife, Lady Macbeth, work together to kill Duncan, the King of Scotland, so Macbeth will become king. Macbeth feels remorse after the murder, but Lady Macbeth comforts him and encourages him to put it behind him by saying, "A little water clears us of this deed." Ironically, later in the play, she cannot sleep from because of her guilt, and she walks around rubbing her hands as she laments in her soliloquy about a 'damned spot' of blood she feels is still there and wonders 'will these hands ne'er be clean?'

Below is an excerpt of the soliloquy made into a Coronavirus meme by adapting the World Health Organization's instructions for handwashing. (Click the link below for more info about the meme.)
<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/mar/the-history-behind-the-lady-macbeth-coronavirus-meme/>



Answer questions below and email to macy.jackson@k12.wv.us .and to rcrowan@k12.wv.us

- In a few sentences, describe the symbolism Shakespeare uses of handwashing in this soliloquy as it relates to guilt.
 - (**Symbolism** is the use of symbols to signify ideas and qualities, by giving them **symbolic** meanings that are different from their literal sense.)
- In a few sentences, how would you describe Lady Macbeth based on what you know? (You can research more about the play or use your imagination.)
- The phrase 'Out Damned Spot' has been used to in other clever ways by literary fans including being inscribed on concealer pencils, erasers, tea towels, and soap products.
 - What is a favorite line or verse you have from a book, song, video game, etc.? How could you use it as wordplay for a product, service, or business idea?
 - *Try to be creative here but if you are struggling, write a couple sentences explaining your thought process and where you are getting hung up.

word	definition
do 't	I will do it
fie!	used to express disgust or outrage
afeared	afraid
soliloquy	the act of speaking one's thoughts aloud
regicide	killing off a king
ne'er	never