

Macbeth Key Facts

Writer: William Shakespeare | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Full Title: The Tragedy of Macbeth

Playwright: William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Title of the Playwright: Father of English Drama, The Bard of Avon

Source: Chronicles of England, Scotland, and Ireland by Raphael Holinshed (Holinshed's Chronicles), other earlier sources

Written Time: Around 1606

First Performed: Probably 1606

Published Date: 1623 (First Folio)

Total Acts & Scenes: 5 Acts, 28 Scenes

Genre: Tragedy

Point of View: Third-Person Objective

Climax: The murder of King Duncan

Setting:

Time Setting: 11th century (medieval Scotland)

Place Setting: Scotland (mainly Macbeth's castle at Inverness, King Duncan's palace, and various battlefields)