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**Thesis Statement/Essay Topic #2**

Length: 6-8 complete thoughts/sentences/independent clauses

Prompt: Provide a defense for the statement listed below. You must use at least one of the provided quotations from *Macbeth*. Provide your response on the opposite side of this page.

Macbeth introduces an element of fantasy into the normal tragedy narrative through the characters of the witches. The witches are important figures in the play, as their function is both to predict Macbeth’s fate and to signal to the reader what is to come. Far from serving as a distracting element, the witches help focus the reader on some of the darker and more sinister aspects of the play. Shakespeare’s use of this fantasy element is effective as a narrative technique.

* “Let not light see my black and deep desires…." (I.iv.51)
* “Yet I do fear thy nature. It is too full o the milk of human kindness….Thou wouldst be great, Art not without ambition, but without The illness should attend it." (I.v.16-20).
* “Come, you spirits That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here, And fill me from the crown to the toe
* topful of direst cruelty!" (I.v.41-43).
* “…We but teach bloody instructions, which, being taught, return To plague th’ inventor" (I.vii.8-10)
* “O horror, horror, horror! Tongue nor heart Cannot conceive nor name thee!" (II.iii.63-64)
* “[B]lood will have blood." (III.v.121)
* “I have a strange infirmity, which is nothing To those that know me." (III.v.85-86)
* “Something wicked this way comes." (IV.1.45)
* “The spirits that know All mortal consequences have pronounc’d me thus: ‘Fear not, Macbeth, no man that’s born of woman Shall e’er have power upon thee.’" (V.iii.6-7)
* “The time approaches That will with due decision make us know What we shall say we have, and what we owe." (V.iv.17-19).

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