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**Thesis Statement/Essay Topic #3**

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.

Lady Macbeth is a character who makes an easy reading and interpretation of the play impossible. Like many female characters, Lady Macbeth was cast into a role not entirely of her own choosing; however, like her husband, she finds that once she is on the path of darkness, it is impossible for her to turn back. In fact, Lady Macbeth becomes even more bloodthirsty than her husband, and she encourages him to use his power to perpetrate violence against others. A character analysis of Lady Macbeth reveals that she is a complex character who adds depth to an otherwise straightforward play about power dynamics.

* “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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