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**Thesis Statement/Essay Topic #4**

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.

Violence and the bloodshed that results are important symbols in Shakespeare’s Macbeth. While the blood that is shed is a tangible reminder of the outcomes of misused power, it also serves as an image that provokes Macbeth to reflect upon his deeds, even if he does not change his behavior. Macbeth becomes obsessed with the blood on his hands. Unfortunately, this reminder of his guilt does not prevent him from continuing violent acts.

* “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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