

Act I, Scene 1

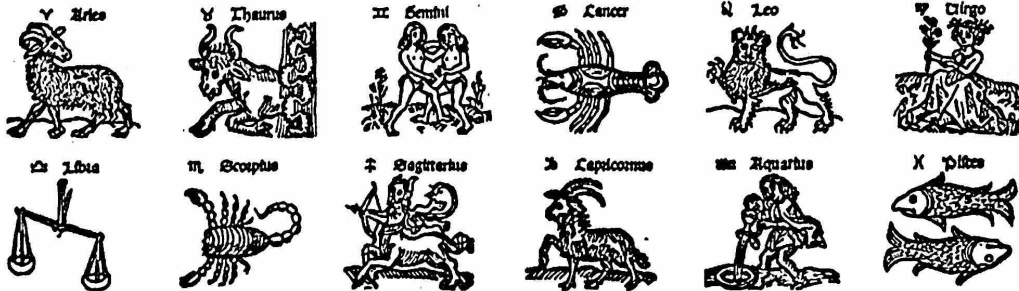
- 1 'Fair is foul, and foul is fair' (I, i, 12). Look up 'fair' and 'foul' in your dictionary. Write down several English synonyms and their German translation. Rewrite what the witches say in modern English and in German.

Act 1, Scene 2

- 1 Write down all the information in this scene about Macbeth and the Thane of Cawdor.

Act 1, Scene 3

- 1 How would you describe the witches' characters? Make a list of adjectives. What can you say about their language? Read it aloud before you comment on it.
- 2 'So foul and fair a day I have not seen.' (I, iii, 36). Who says it this time and what does it mean now?
- 3 What are the witches' prophecies for Macbeth and Banquo? Write them as a horoscope in a magazine. Choose a star sign for the two men and then write the predictions for them for the year 1040.



- 4 Macbeth 'Your children shall be kings.' Banquo 'You shall be king' (I, iii, 84): What do you think they are thinking when they hear these prophecies? Write a short prose soliloquy for each of the characters to show their thoughts.
- 5 Banquo: 'What, can the devil speak true?' (I, iii, 105). Explain the context of this sentence.
- 6 Compare Banquo and Macbeth in this scene. Examine how they react to the witches, how they behave towards each other in the course of this scene, and what they say (to others and to themselves).
- 7 'Nothing is, but what is not.' Examine Macbeth's soliloquy 'Two truths ... what is not' (I, iii, 127-141) and read his asides in ll. 143-144 and 147-148. What options does Macbeth consider?