Act II scene i Questions

1. Banquo tells Macbeth that he will talk about the witches’ prophecies “as long as I lose no honor in seeking to add to what I already have - always keeping my heart free from evil and my loyalties spotless.” What does this statement say about Banquo’s character?
2. What does Macbeth see in a vision? Why did he see it? What appears on the object?

Act II scene ii

1. Why didn’t Lady Macbeth murder the king personally? What does this reason say about her character?
2. What *couldn’t* Macbeth do that the guards *could* do?
3. What did Macbeth think he heard? How does this statement connect back to the witches? (think back to Act I scene iii)
4. What does Lady Macbeth say about the blood? What does she tell Macbeth to do? What do these things say about her character?
5. Does Macbeth regret his actions in this scene? **Use textual evidence to support your answer.**

Act II scene iii

1. What is the weather like in this scene? What strange things are happening? Pay attention to Lennox. What do these events symbolize?
2. What does Macduff tell Lady Macbeth about the murder? Why does he tell her this? Explain how it is **ironic** that he treats her this way. (think about her actions in previous scenes and what we know about her character)
3. Who do the characters think performed the murder? Who killed the servants and why?
4. Where are Malcolm and Donalbain going? Why are they leaving?

Act II scene iv

1. What strange things are happening at the beginning of this scene? What do these occurrences symbolize?
2. For what reason does Macduff say the servants committed the crime? Who does he think is *really* behind the murders and why?