

MACBETH

FIGHT!

Right at the end of the play Macbeth is confronted by his nemesis - the person he was told to avoid by the witches

They fight and Macduff reveals that he was delivered by a caesarean section - thus defying the witches' prophecy that Macbeth could not be killed by one of woman born...

Macduff kills Macbeth by chopping off his head. Macduff was angry that Macbeth had killed his wife and children so acted out of vengeance but Macbeth was the King. .

Using everything that you know about these characters so far, write a balanced argument for Macduff's behaviour at the end of the play.

Key features of a balanced argument:

- Write in present tense
- Write in the third person
- Ensures that it is balanced – even when they don't personally see it that way
- Uses conditionals – if, hadn't, would
- Supports arguments with evidence
- Conclusion based on the evidence collected

Try to use some of these key lines in your argument:

'Turn hell-hound, turn!'

'I bear a charmed life, which must not yield To one of woman born.'

'Behold where stands Th'usurper's curséd head. The time is free. Hail, king of Scotland!'

Top tips for building an argument for KS3 can be found [here](#)

Challenge! Can you deliver your argument to someone in your household? Ask them afterwards which side they fall on.