Macbeth – Act III

Scene #1: Using the original text, read the synopsis. Question: Why does Macbeth want to have Banquo assassinated?

Scene #2: Read as a class from the modern translation. Discuss the following, and have them record general notes:

1. What roles are Macbeth and Lady Macbeth playing in relation to the cover up of Duncan’s death? Are they different from when the act was first committed?
2. What sort of physical ailments are plaguing the king and queen?

Scene #3: Read as a class from the modern translation. Question: Is Macbeth now safe in his kingship?

Scene #4: Read as a class from the modern translation. Have the group examine the role of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in relation to the supernatural happenings and the stir they cause.

1. Is Macbeth truly being plagued by the supernatural, or is this part of a descent into madness? Why do you think these things are afflicting Macbeth and not Lady Macbeth?

Scene #5: Read as a class from the modern translation.

Scene #6: Using the original text, read the synopsis.