**Key Vocabulary – Macbeth**

All the vocabulary below links to Macbeth and the events/ characters. Make sure you know what these words mean and can use them confidently in your writing.

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| **Essential Vocabulary** | **Recommended Vocabulary** | **Challenge Vocabulary** |
| Power | Regicide | Machiavellian |
| Ambition | Zealous | Femme fatale |
| Heir | Patriarchal | Equivocal |
| Brave | Foreshadowing | Chiasmus |
| Punishment | Heir | Despotic/ despot |
| Tragedy | Hubris | Diabolic/ diabolical |
| Noble | Manipulative | Emasculate |
| Hallucination | Aristotle | Lineal/ unilineal |
| Supernatural | Shrewd | Eponymous |
| Paradox | Dramatic irony | Tyrant/ tyrannical |
| Soliloquy | Tragic Hero | Heinous |
| Dominating | Hamartia | Usurp |
| Divine Right/ Divine Order | Peripeteia | Malevolent |
| Guilt | Deceitful | Turmoil |
| Protagonist | Anagnorisis | Didactic |
| Superstitious | Iambic pentameter | Pathos |
| Chaos | Cunning | Nonpareil |
| Betrayal | Submissive | Surfeit |
| Jacobean | Subversive/ subvert | Resolute |
| Persuasive | Juxtaposition | Revolt |
| Tension | Treason | Repentance/ repent |
| Thane | Valiant | Futile |
| Prophecy | Antagonist | Despondent |
| Stereotype | Archetype | Unscrupulous |
| Evil | Immoral | Villainous |
| Aside | Apparition | Exploitative |
| Fate / destiny | Motif | Foil |
| Sin | Embodies/ embody | Demonic |
| Stage directions | Monarchy | Sycophantic / sycophant |
| Monologue | Maternal | Parricide |