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What Lady Macbeth Does at Night: *Macbeth* 5.1

1. What has Lady Macbeth been doing at night since Macbeth went into battle? _____

2. Why does the doctor call sleepwalking a “perturbation (disturbance) in nature”? _____

3. Why do you think the gentlewoman (attendant) won’t repeat what Lady Macbeth says in her sleep? _____

4. Lady Macbeth enters carrying a candle, and the gentlewoman says she has this with her all the time. Why do you think this is so? _____

5. What does Lady Macbeth keep doing with her hands? _____
_____ Why? _____
6. What events is Lady Macbeth reliving in lines 34-39? _____

7. What is Lady Macbeth talking about when she says, “The Thane of Fife had a wife”? _____

8. Who does she think she’s talking to when she says, “No more o’ that, my lord, no more o’ that”? _____
9. When the doctor tells the gentlewoman, “You have known what you should not,” what knowledge is he referring to? _____

10. What is ironic about the gentlewoman’s statement that she would not want to have Lady Macbeth’s troubled heart in exchange for being a queen? _____

11. Do you think the doctor suspects that Lady Macbeth is guilty? _____ Why? _____

12. Who does Lady Macbeth think she’s talking to when she says, “Wash your hands, put on your nightgown, look not so pale”? _____
13. Why does the doctor say that Lady Macbeth needs a priest (“the diving”) more than a doctor (“physician”)? _____
