

Explain the relationship between the two ideas in the hexagons. In your answer you must:

- →Use at least one quotation
- →Use terminology (Writer's methods)
- → Refer to relevant contexts

1) In Act 5, Lady Macbeth demonstrates her own fall to madness. The reference to her 'hand' - a symbol of her actions, involvement and participation on the murder of a king is significant and reflects the motif of hands that emerged throughout the text. Her comments reflect Macbeth's own language shortly after he kills Duncan ('will all Great Neptune's ocean' wash the blood from his hands). This is ironic given how she chose to criticise and emasculate Macbeth for his emotional response to murder. High-Level Explanation

2) Lady Macbeth suggests that she only needs to wash the blood off her hands and that she won't feel any guilt for her actions. This makes her appear heartless.

Low-Level Explanation

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4) Lady Macbeth's guilt has been hidden from the reader for much of the play but now she is suffering and is unable to sleep ('Macbeth doth murder sleep'), perhaps indicating that the punishment for her involvement in defiling the Great Chain of Being is the madness that she now seems to be experiencing.

Mid-Level Explanation