

Study Questions for “Lady MacBeth” (*MacBeth*)
from chris wind’s *Soliloquies: the lady doth indeed protest*

Lady MacBeth

I didn't kill myself either.

I outperformed them in their own play.

So they removed me as well
To the realm of insanity
And then
 they killed me.

1. What does Lady MacBeth mean when she says “I outperformed in their own play”? Do you think she’s right?

2. (a) Compare the media coverage of Geraldine Ferraro (vice-presidential candidate in 1984) and George H. W. Bush (incumbent vice-president at the time). Do you notice any differences? OR
(b) Compare the media coverage of Hillary Clinton during her 2008 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination with that of Barack Obama and John Edwards, her closest competitors. Do you notice any difference?

3. Read Charlotte Perkins Gilman’s short story “The Yellow Wallpaper” and explain its relevance to “Lady MacBeth”.

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Study Questions are also available for “Juliet”, “Ophelia”, “Desdemona”, “Portia”, “Kate”, and “Miranda”.