Macbeth Name:

The next prophecies Date:

1. List the prophesies Macbeth receives from the witches in Act 4, Scene 1. Cite the lines properly, using quotation marks.

2. “Something wicked this way comes?” “Fair is foul, and foul is fair.” What is real?

What drives Macbeth? The witches who are conspiring against him? Hecate believes him to be “a spoiled child full or wrath and spite, who- like all men -acts only for himself…. and who thinks himself greater than fate” (No Fear Comic, p. 114). When he arrives upon the scene in Act 4, Scene 1, one of the witches says of Macbeth, “Something wicked this way comes” (45). Is he wicked? Do the witches have supernatural power to sway Macbeth? Or, is Macbeth basically the tragic hero whose flaws in character and lack of judgment lead to his downfall? Or is it, as Michael Fassbender suggests, PTSD resulting from exposure to the bloody violence of war?

Response: