SUMMARY- *Macbeth*

I.i:  Three witches meet and decide when to meet again. "Fair is foul and foul is fair"

I.ii:  A soldier reports to Duncan that Macbeth killed Macdonwald -- Macbeth and Banquo joined forces to defeat Thane of Cawdor and King of Norway -- Duncan decides to give the Thane of Cawdor's title to Macbeth

I.iii: Witches meet again -- Call Macbeth Thane of Glamis, Thane of Cawdor and king hereafter, foretelling his rise to power -- Macbeth learns that Duncan has given him the title of Thane of Cawdor -- Macbeth wonders if the witches' predictions of his becoming king will come true

I.iv: Malcolm describes Cawdor's death to Duncan -- Duncan promises Banquo rewards for his services -- Duncan proclaims Malcolm his successor -- Duncan announces his intentions to visit Macbeth at Inverness, Macbeth's castle

I.v: Lady Macbeth reads a letter from Macbeth describing the witches' prophecy -- A messenger tells her of Duncan's visit, and she decides she will have to help Macbeth kill Duncan that night

I.vi: Lady Macbeth welcomes Duncan and his party cordially and makes the king feel comfortable

I.vii: Macbeth tries to decide whether or not to kill Duncan -- Lady Macbeth enters and bullies him into deciding to kill Duncan

II.i: Banquo tells Fleance of his fears about the witches' predictions -- Macbeth enters and lies, saying he doesn't think about it -- Macbeth, alone, has a vision of a bloody dagger and again has second thought about killing Duncan

II.ii: Lady Macbeth does her part (drugs the king's guards) -- Macbeth kills Duncan but forgets to leave the daggers at the scene -- He won't go back, so Lady Macbeth takes the daggers back and fixes the scene of the crime to look like the guards killed the king

II.iii: Macduff and Lennox come to Inverness to wake the king -- The murder is discovered -- In his acted grief and rage, Macbeth kills the two guards, whom he had framed for the murder -- Malcolm and Donalbain flee the country -- Banquo enters and says he suspects treason

II.iv: Macduff, Ross and an old man tell the theories of who murdered the king -- One theory is that the guards did it -- Another theory is that the king's sons are suspected, since they have fled -- Ross doesn't believe this theory is possible -- Macduff tells that Macbeth's coronation is scheduled

III.i: Banquo suspects Macbeth had something to do with the king's murder -- Macbeth decides to get rid of Banquo and Fleance and gets two convicted murderers to do it for him

III.ii: Lady Macbeth tries to get Macbeth to act other than how he feels -- Macbeth hints to her of Banquo's death, but spares her actual knowledge

III.iii: The murderers kill Banquo, but Fleance escapes

III.iv: One murderer reports to Macbeth that Banquo is dead and Fleance escaped -- As Macbeth goes to sit at the banquet table, Banquo's ghost appears to him -- Macbeth loses control and almost tells that he is responsible for murder -- Lady Macbeth tries to cover for him and gets rid of the guests -- Macbeth reveals he will see the witches again, and he realizes that he can't turn back, he can only go forward

III.v: Hecate tells the witches what to do at their meeting with Macbeth

III.vi: We learn that Macduff has gone to England to help Malcolm

IV.i: The witches, through visions, show Macbeth that he should beware of Macduff, that no one "born of woman" can harm him, that no one shall vanquish him "until Birnam Wood moves to Dunsinane Hill," and finally, that Banquo's descendants will be kings -- Macbeth decides to kill Macduff's family and servants

IV.ii: Lady Macduff is upset at Macduff's leaving them so suddenly -- A messenger comes to warn her to leave her home, but he is too late -- The men Macbeth sent came and killed her, her son and the servants

IV.iii: Malcolm tests Macduff by telling him that he (Malcolm) would be an even more bloodthirsty tyrant than Macbeth -- Macduff is disheartened and begins to leave, thus passing Malcolm's test -- They decide to fight together against Macbeth -- Ross enters and tells Macduff his family has been killed

V.i: Lady Macbeth's servant shows the doctor Lady Macbeth sleepwalking -- In her sleep, she talks about Duncan's murder, Macduff's wife's murder and Banquo's burial -- The doctor tells the servant to watch Lady Macbeth, foreshadowing her suicide

V.ii: The armies gather near Dunsinane to group for their attack on Macbeth -- We learn that Macbeth's army and servants are no longer loyal

V.iii: Macbeth prepares for battle and sends Seyton to hang anyone in his army who appears not to be loyal -- The doctor tells Macbeth that his wife's troubles are psychological, not physical

V.iv: We see how soon "Birnam Wood will move to Dunsinane" as Malcolm has his soldiers use cut tree branches to hide

V.v: Macbeth gets two major pieces of bad news: Lady Macbeth is dead and Birnam Wood is moving towards Dunsinane

V.vi: Malcolm has his soldiers drop their cover, and he, Siward and Macduff get ready for their attack on Macbeth

V.vii: Macbeth kills Young Siward -- Malcolm and Siward say the castle will be easily taken since Macbeth's army is not particularly loyal

V.viii: Macbeth and Macduff meet -- Macbeth doesn't want to fight, but Macduff forces him to -- Macduff wins, beheading Macbeth -- Old Siward learns of his son's death, and, although sad, praises his son's courage -- Malcolm regains the throne