**Key Vocabulary – Macbeth**

All the vocabulary below links to Macbeth and the events/ characters. Make sure you know what these words mean and can use them confidently in your writing.

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| **Essential Vocabulary** | **Recommended Vocabulary** | **Challenge Vocabulary** |
| Power  | Regicide  | Machiavellian |
| Ambition  | Zealous  | Femme fatale |
| Heir  | Patriarchal  | Equivocal |
| Brave  | Foreshadowing | Chiasmus |
| Punishment  | Heir  | Despotic/ despot |
| Tragedy | Hubris | Diabolic/ diabolical |
| Noble | Manipulative  | Emasculate |
| Hallucination | Aristotle | Lineal/ unilineal  |
| Supernatural  | Shrewd | Eponymous  |
| Paradox  | Dramatic irony | Tyrant/ tyrannical  |
| Soliloquy | Tragic Hero | Heinous  |
| Dominating  | Hamartia | Usurp  |
| Divine Right/ Divine Order | Peripeteia | Malevolent  |
| Guilt  | Deceitful | Turmoil  |
| Protagonist  | Anagnorisis | Didactic  |
| Superstitious  | Iambic pentameter | Pathos  |
| Chaos  | Cunning | Nonpareil  |
| Betrayal  | Submissive  | Surfeit  |
| Jacobean  | Subversive/ subvert | Resolute  |
| Persuasive  | Juxtaposition | Revolt  |
| Tension  | Treason  | Repentance/ repent  |
| Thane  | Valiant | Futile  |
| Prophecy  | Antagonist  | Despondent  |
| Stereotype | Archetype  | Unscrupulous  |
| Evil  | Immoral  | Villainous  |
| Aside  | Apparition  | Exploitative  |
| Fate / destiny  | Motif  | Foil  |
| Sin  | Embodies/ embody | Demonic  |
| Stage directions  | Monarchy | Sycophantic / sycophant  |
| Monologue  | Maternal  | Parricide  |