**Macbeth Essay**

**Due Dates:**

* Friday, February 11th – Brainstorm Sheet DUE
* Wednesday, February 16th – Rough Draft DUE (does not have to be typed)
* Friday, February 18th – **FINAL DRAFT DUE** (typed and with the entire process attached) at the start of class, put together properly, and stapled.

**Requirements**

* Essay must be a five-paragraph essay
* Your essay must present a clear and arguable thesis statement
* Each paragraph must contain 5-8 sentences
* You must have at least two primary source quotes (from *Macbeth*) to support your thesis
* You must have at least one secondary source quotes (from a book/critical essay about *Macbeth*) to support your thesis
* You must use Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins
* You must complete a brainstorming worksheet and a rough draft previous to your final draft – if you do not complete the writing process in order, you cannot just turn in a final draft
* Essays will not be accepted if they are not typed or if they are emailed

**It is unacceptable to say you don’t have ink for your printer at home or you don’t have a printer at home. Class time is for working on the essay.** **If you are working on drafts of your essay at home, print it off each day and bring it to class. You will NOT be permitted to sit in class and not work on the essay.**

**Final Essay**

You must include everything in this order:

* Final typed essay with works cited page
* Rough draft
* Self-edit sheet
* Brainstorming Worksheet
* Rubric

If any of these things are missing you will get points taken off – this includes the rubric!

**Essay Topics**

You may choose from one of the following topics, or if you have your own topic, you have to clear it with me first:

* Who is the most responsible for the tragedies that occurred, Macbeth or Lady Macbeth?
* Who influenced Macbeth more, the Three Witches or Lady Macbeth?
* What is to blame for the tragedy of Macbeth? Fate or free will (his own actions)?

Remember that you need to be able to take a side and stick to it. Choose a topic that you understand and that you know you can find quotes to back yourself up with.