

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Macbeth – Themes – Ambition transcript

VOICEOVER

It's good to get ahead.

That's not what I meant.

Ambition. That's what I meant.

To want to be the best and reach the top.

We're told, if we work hard, we can turn our dreams into reality.
Macbeth however, with a push from Lady Macbeth, takes the short cut to the top.

Macbeth admits he's ambitious.
He compares his ambition to a race-horse.
Which is interesting isn't it?

Because who's really in charge? The jockey?
Or the horse? Does Ambition ...carry us away?

Lady Macbeth is worried that Macbeth is too kind
to murder Duncan.

She asks spirits to take away her femininity
so that she can perform the evil task.

But to stay on top, Macbeth keeps on killing...

...and is ultimately destroyed by his own ambition.