

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

VOICEOVER

Fate: whether it's an explanation for something big happening, or an excuse for our own success or failure, fate is a popular idea.

It's the idea that our life's journey is already mapped out ahead of us.

It's certainly popular with Macbeth. Especially when some witches tell him that it's his fate...

To be king!

Does Macbeth have any choice? Or is it all down to fate?

It's not just the audience trying to figure this out. Macbeth is too.

He's happy to accept his fate to be king, but isn't cheering fate on when Banquo's kids get the thumbs up to be kings.

Macbeth thinks he can cheat fate. His fate cheating tactics aren't subtle.

None of Macbeth's tactics are.

Violence isn't the only way to get to the top. What about flower arranging?

I mean, I don't know how fate works.

Ah. That's how.