**Title:** Macbeth: Blood, Ambition, and Witches in 15 Minutes

**Cast:** 5 Actors (ages 12–14)

**Doubling Roles:**

* **Actor 1:** Macbeth / Murderer
* **Actor 2:** Lady Macbeth / Witch 1
* **Actor 3:** Banquo / Witch 2
* **Actor 4:** Macduff / Witch 3
* **Actor 5:** Duncan / Narrator

**Setting:** A dark and eerie Scotland. Use red lighting for dramatic effect, fog or draped cloth for the witches, and minimal props (dagger, crown, goblet).

**[Prologue – Narrator center stage.]**

**NARRATOR (A5):**  
In Scotland’s misty moors and haunted halls,  
Ambition rises and a kingdom falls.  
When witches speak and blood is shed,  
Beware the path where Macbeth led!

*(Lightning sound. Lights shift. Witches enter.)*

**Scene 1: The Witches’ Prophecy**

**WITCHES (A2, A3, A4):** *(together)*  
Double, double, toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble!

**WITCH 1 (A2):**  
All hail, Macbeth! Thane of Glamis!

**WITCH 2 (A3):**  
All hail, Macbeth! Thane of Cawdor!

**WITCH 3 (A4):**  
All hail, Macbeth! King hereafter!

**BANQUO (A3):**  
You greet him with honors—what of me?

**WITCHES:**  
Thou shalt get kings, though thou be none.

**MACBETH (A1):**  
King? Me? Impossible… or is it?

**Scene 2: The Plan**

**LADY MACBETH (A2):** *(reading a letter)*  
He shall be king! But he is too kind. I’ll steel his heart.

**MACBETH:**  
If it were done, when ’tis done…

**LADY MACBETH:**  
Look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under it.

**DUNCAN (A5):**  
Tonight, I rest at Macbeth’s castle. What joy!

**Scene 3: The Murder**

**MACBETH:**  
Is this a dagger which I see before me?

*(He mimics taking the dagger. Lights dim. A bell tolls.)*

**MACBETH:**  
I go, and it is done. The bell invites me.

*(He exits. DUNCAN falls. LADY MACBETH rushes in.)*

**LADY MACBETH:**  
A little water clears us of this deed.

**Scene 4: The Aftermath**

**MACDUFF (A4):**  
O horror! The King is slain!

**BANQUO:**  
Could Macbeth…?

**MACBETH:**  
In fury, I slew the guards. Who can blame me?

**NARRATOR:**  
Now Macbeth is king—but guilt grows, and blood calls for more.

**Scene 5: More Murders, More Madness**

**BANQUO:**  
If the witches spoke true—my sons shall be kings.

**MACBETH:**  
Then thou must die. Murderers—go.

*(BANQUO falls. Later, MACBETH sees a ghost.)*

**MACBETH:**  
Thou canst not say I did it! Never shake thy gory locks at me!

**LADY MACBETH:**  
You must calm yourself!

**NARRATOR:**  
Lady Macbeth now walks in sleep, haunted by guilt.

**LADY MACBETH:**  
Out, damned spot! Out, I say!

**Scene 6: The Final Battle**

**WITCHES:**  
Macbeth, beware Macduff! None born of woman shall harm Macbeth!

**MACDUFF (A4):**  
I was from my mother’s womb untimely ripped!

**MACBETH (A1):**  
No! Then my charm is broken!

*(They fight. MACBETH falls.)*

**MACDUFF:**  
Hail, King of Scotland! Let peace return.

**[Epilogue – Narrator center stage.]**

**NARRATOR (A5):**  
So ends Macbeth—his crown won by blood,  
But lost by fear and a rising flood.  
Let none forget what greed may cost—  
When honor dies, all else is lost.

**[Lights fade. Curtain.]**