

Structure of *Macbeth*

A Shakespearean tragedy can be broken down into six distinct structural elements:

1. Exposition – Act I
2. Exciting Force – Act I
3. Rising Action – Acts I, II & III
4. Climax – Act III
5. Falling Action – Act III, IV & V
6. Catastrophe – Act V

As you read the play, list the main events that take place during each of the play's six structural elements. You need a minimum of one sentence/explanation for EACH scene in the play.

Plot & Scenes	Summary of Action
<i>Exposition</i> Act I, Scene 1- <hr/>	
<i>Exciting Force</i> <hr/>	
<i>Rising Action</i> <hr/> <hr/>	

Climax

Falling Action

Catastrophe
