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Power's Curse

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

(Responses may vary, but here are sample answers.)

1. Some might say yes, because Macbeth was already ambitious.
Others might say no, because the prophecy planted the idea in his mind.
2. His ambition makes him distrustful, and he turns against his friends, ordering their deaths to keep his throne.
3. Macbeth made his own choices, but the witches, Lady Macbeth, and his own ambition all played a part in his downfall.
4. Macbeth's story shows that when power is gained through dishonesty and greed, it can destroy a person instead of making them great.

