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Despite a different social context and time period, we can easily be misled; manipulation, controlling relationships and peer pressure still exist.

For example, think about the relationship between ambition and social media in the 21st century. Is this a positive or negative influence on young people? E.g.

- Ambition is the desire to achieve success, on social media 'success' can be misrepresented, as all of the best bits of a person's life is on Instagram but it's rarely the reality.
- Ambition can also lead to comparing yourself to others, attempting to look and dress like influencers and individuality is lost - your ambition becomes someone else's.
- Is social media a way to inspire or trigger other's ambition and when does this overlap with jealousy?

Using the idea that ambition is the reason for Macbeth's actions and his ultimate downfall in the story, stage this key moment in the story by bringing it up to date.



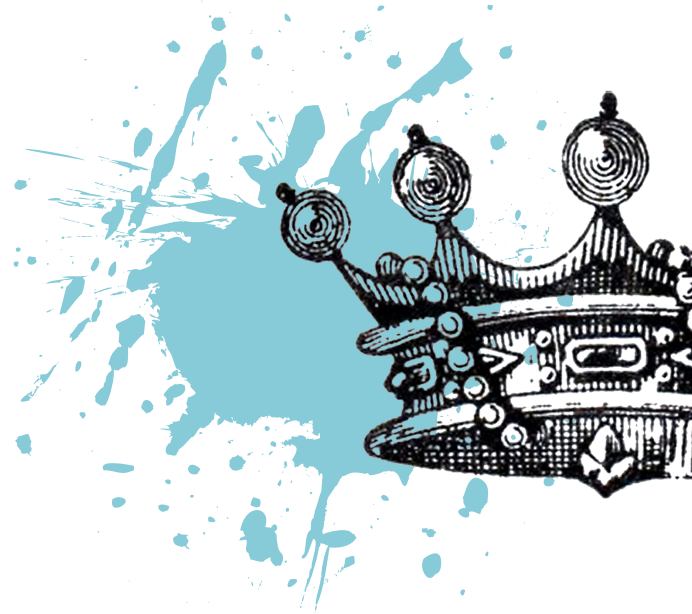
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Use this extract from Macbeth's dagger speech to support this staging:

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Is this a dagger which I see before me,
The handle toward my hand? or art thou but
A dagger of the mind, a false creation,
Proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?
Thou marshall'st me the way that I was going,
And such an instrument I was to use!
I see thee still;
It is the bloody business



Using this text, stage this moment in a creative way showing how the people around him have driven Macbeth's ambition. Think about:

- How might you bring this into a modern-day context
- Showing Macbeth's ambition being driven by the people around him on social media.
- Be as creative as you like; you can use sound effects, creative staging, parts of the monologue, a phone in Macbeth's hand or any other modern-day props
- Imagine what the 'key players' in Macbeth's life might be saying, and what posts might be taking place on social media platforms.

E.g. Lady Macbeth might 'like' Macbeth's new job post on Facebook as King, Duncan has unfriended Macbeth, Banquo sends Macbeth threatening messages.

Rehearse your scene and then record your version of the monologue

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