**The Concept of Monarchy in the seventeenth century**

1. What is meant by the phrase “the divine right of kings”?
2. When was the theory of the “divine right of kings put forward?
3. What did James I have to say about the divine right of kings in his publication *The True Law of Free Monarchies*?
4. What was the chain of being in Elizabethan times?
5. When did James I come to the English throne?
6. Who was on the throne before James and how had the succession been decided upon?
7. How might James I have connected himself to Banquo?
8. How is Shakespeare’s depiction of Banquo different to that in the Chronicles of Holinshed? (Holinshed was a historian writing in Shakespeare’s time.) Why do you think Shakespeare made these changes?
9. How might an understanding about the divine right of kings be important in understanding aspects of “Macbeth?
10. Find three quotations from the play which you feel link to the concept of monarchy in the 17th century and explain your choices.