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You should aim to write a concise essay of no more than 5 pages in length. The quality of your analysis is more important than the length of your essay.

Support the points you make with specific details from the text(s).

Begin your written text(s) essay here:

Question number: 3

In the play Macbeth by William Shakespeare, language features were used to reinforce the point of view that not everyone is fit to rule. The language features were used through the character Macbeth, as he is the one that shows us and reinforces the point that not everyone is fit to rule. The languge features used were hyperbole, soliloquy, metaphor and personification.

The language features hyperbole and soliloquy were used by shakespeare to show us that Macbeth is easily manipulated and not fit to rule. A hyperbole was used as Lady macbeth says to Macbeth, "when durst do it then you are a man". This is Lady Macbeth saying you are not a man until you kill king Duncan. Lady Macbeth is challenging Macbeths role as a man, she doesn't see him as a man currently, but if he kills king Duncan then he will be a man. Lady Macbeth is trying to manipulate

Macbeth by challenging his manhood to get what she wants. We know Macbeth has been successfully manipulated when he expresses the soliloquy, "I am bend up, settled in each corporal agent to this terrible feat." This soliloquy tells us that Macbeth has agreed to Lady Macbeth and has decided to go through with the murder. This shows us how easily manipulated Macbeth is, and that he is not fit to rule. Some people may say everyone is fit to rule or everyone has the ability to rule. These language features reinforce the idea that not everyone is fit to rule. If your leader was easily manipulated, they could easily be taken over or they could be manipulated into doing tragic, horrific things that could have a negative effect on everyone.

Shakespeare used the language features hyperbole and metaphor to make Macbeth appear as a power hungry villian. When Macbeth says the hyperbole, "to be thus is nothing, to be safely thus", he is thinking that him being king is not enough, His place as king needs to be safe and secure before he feels as though

he has enough. Macbeth's place as king is not secure until all other heirs to the thrown are gone. Which is when Macbeth then says the metaphor, "we have scotched the snake not killed it." Macbeth has killed King Duncan and has taken the thrown, but there are other people who are in line for the thrown and can take it away from him. He wants to kill his best friend Banquo and his son Fleance to secure his place as king. By having Macbeth appear as a power hungry person, it challenges the view point that everyone is fit to rule, and it reinforces the point that not everyone is fit to rule. A power hungry leader tends to result in negative consequences for the followers because they only think for themselves and not what's best for their followers. People who are power hungry don't deserve to be in power because they also tend to end up becoming corrupt and ruthless.

Becoming corrupt and ruthless is exactly what happened to Macbeth. Shakespeare showed this through the language features metaphor and personification. The metaphor, "Oh scorpions is my mind full of my dear

wife", is him telling us that his mind is full of murderous thoughts. He can not escape the guilt he has because his mind is just full of murderous, ruthless thoughts. Then the personification, "my thoughts ~~does~~ whose murder, direness, familiar to my slaughterous thoughts", was used to show us Macbeths guilt is no longer present and he does no longer get frightened by a scream because he has committed so many murders. He has desensitized himself to the sound of screams because of all the murders he has made. Even though the sound of a scream tends to mean danger or tradgety it no longer phases Macbeth in anyway. These language features emphasise how ruthless Macbeth is, which truly reinforces the view point that not everyone is fit to rule. A ruthless leader would mean no one is safe and the whole idea of having a leader is meaning you have someone that will think and make the right decisions for everyone. They are the person who is meant to do to what's right for everyone and to ensure everyone is safe at all times. ~~A ruthless person is not fit to rule~~ Just think if you had a ruthless leader who was extremely violent and ~~not careful as~~ was desensitised

to the sound of danger. ~~Fearless~~ Would you ~~still them~~ feel safe and would you want them as your leader?

Personally I have the view point that not everyone is fit to rule. However some people may think differently, ~~and~~ so Shakespeare used ~~in every~~ language features to challenge peoples view point and to help reinforce the idea that not everyone is fit to rule. Has your viewpoint now changed, or has it just been reinforced?

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3	A3	"Macbeth" This answer opens with a clear statement addressing the question and introduces the language features that will be used. The point of view is that not everyone is fit to rule. The candidate offers three examples: Macbeth being manipulated by Lady Macbeth, being power hungry, and being ruthless. This is not an A4 response because it is repetitive and simplistic.