Macbeth

Your assignment tonight is to locate and interpret animal references throughout the play. These references build meaning by suggesting qualities of different characters or by providing insight into themes that Shakespeare develops. Your job is to:

* Identify a quote from ***Macbeth*** that uses **animals/birds** as its comparison
* Interpret the meaning of the quote
* Provide an image that is well drawn, sketched and colored (for in-class group activity)
* Explain: provide a statement of overall significance to the play

Start with this chart:

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| **Page Number** | **Act.Scene.Lines** | **Image** | **Meaning** | **Overall Significance** |
| Example391 | III.4.30-31 | “We have scorched the snake…” | We have only hurt the threat, not eliminated it. | Macbeth, ironically, sees the threat to the safety of his reign as a deceptive serpent. This perception builds Macbeth’s character, allowing him to be seen as the dangerous, insidious, poisonous person that he really is. |
| Act I |  |  |  |  |
| Act II |  |  |  |  |
| Act III |  |  |  |  |
| Act IV |  |  |  |  |
| Act V |  |  |  |  |