Act One Formal Literary Analysis Portfolio Prompt Choices

Your Task: Choose one of the following prompts and type a one-page, double-spaced thesis-driven paragraph analyzing *Macbeth*.

- o Submit your writing to turnitin.com by Friday, 9/27, before 3:00PM. No paper copy will be collected and no late work will be accepted.
- o Use quotes from Macbeth as evidence to support your thesis statement (Response to the prompt)
- o Use a boring 12pt. font (TNR or Georgia)
- o Cite act, scene, and line number after each quote
    - ▪ EX: (I, ii, 64-67)
- o Include a paper heading (name, date, LA class period, and Act #)
- o Include a title ("Topic: Interesting Angle on that Topic" is a good format)

Prompt Options:

A. "Fair is Foul *and* Foul is Fair" (I, i, 10) – Explain the layers of meaning inherent within the line, and explore the significance of a few examples of things not being what they seem to be during act I.

B. Describe what character foils are being set up in Act I, and how Shakespeare uses literary conventions (meaning-packed language/literary devices) to do so.

C. In all of Act 1, how is the theme of deception OR war developed and used to further and mirror the conflicts developed in the play's exposition?

Scoring Rubric:

Exceeds or Meets Standard	Approaching Standard	Needs Improvement
15-12 points	11-9 points	8 points or below
- Compelling topic/thesis sentence - Resonant quotations fluently integrated as evidence - Perfect citation format - Creative, complex analysis connects evidence to thesis - Satisfying resolution - Scintillating word choice and editing	- Simple topic/thesis sentence - Relevant quotations used as evidence - Inconsistent citation format - Simple analysis connects evidence to thesis - Serviceable conclusion sentence - Clear word choice and editing	- Confusing topic/thesis sentence - Factual inaccuracies - Inappropriate evidence presented - Pervasive citation errors - Summary serves as analysis - Conclusion is lacking - Grammar, fluency, and punctuation issues confuse the reader - Format Issues