

Task for *Just Macbeth!*

Comparative Table

As you read the novel complete the table using evidence from Andy Griffiths' book.

	<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Just Macbeth!</i>	Differences
Characters	The main character Macbeth is a soldier but also a lord who wants to achieve greatness. His wife, Lady Macbeth, supports him and pushes him to succeed. Banquo is a fellow soldier.		
Plot	Macbeth returns with Banquo from winning in battle.		
	He meets three witches who promise he will become a king and that his friend Banquo's children will be kings.		
	King Duncan gives him a higher honour but he wants to be king.		
	Spurred on by his wife, he decides to speed up the process and kills the king even though his conscience tells him not to.		
	King Duncan's sons, Malcolm and Donalbain, run away as they think they will be killed and they end up blamed for the murder.		
	Macbeth becomes king but he tries to kill Banquo's son so the prophecy doesn't work out.		
	He's a really cruel king who everyone hates.		

	Malcolm ends up at the court of Edward in England and they plan an attack on Macbeth .		
	Lady Macbeth can't cope with the murders – she is sleepwalking and ends up killing herself.		
	Macbeth delivers a heartfelt soliloquy about how tomorrow keeps coming and we just keep acting our lives on the stage.		
	He thinks he will never die because the witches said he can't die till Birnam wood comes to Dunsinane, and he won't die from a man who is born of a woman.		
	He sees the wood coming up the hill – his enemy has tried to hide behind branches and they are using them to walk up the hill.		
	He dies at the hands of Macduff who was born by caesarean section, so not a 'natural' birth.		
Themes	Don't listen to prophecies.		
	Ambition is a dangerous thing.		
	Listen to your conscience.		