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**Character Motivation**

How do Macbeth and Lady Macbeth rationalize their decision to kill the king? What influences them? In pairs, compare Lady Macbeth’s soliloquy Act I, scene 5, lines 36-51 and Macbeth’s soliloquy Act I, scene 7, lines 1-28. Complete the chart below. All of your responses must be supported with evidence from the text. You must annotate in your book as you do this. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class.

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| **Lady Macbeth** | **Macbeth** |
| External factors that influence her decision:  Evidence: | External factors that influence his decision:  Evidence: |
| Internal factors that influence her decision:  Evidence: | Internal factors that influence his decision:  Evidence: |

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| Similarities/Differences between the two soliloquies. Consider what influenced the characters, and how difficult or easy the decision was for each. Explain your answer.  1.  2.      3. |