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Macbeth vs. Satan

People do not really reveal their true colors unless they have a conflict or they see an opportunity to succeed at the expense of others. In the movie *Mean Girls,* Katy the main character, goes to a new school where she does anything to fit in. At the end of the movie it shows Katy coming out in front of the school and showing everyone who she really is and people accept her for who she is. Macbeth and Satan in Paradise lost reveal their true colors when given the opportunities to advance in their surroundings no matter what the cost.

In the Shakespearean play *Macbeth*, Macbeth is told by the three witches that he could someday become king; this causes Macbeth to do anything in his power to become king fast even if it resorts to killing. In *Paradise Lost* Satan does something similar by fighting with Jesus Christ to become leader of the Heaven; this causes Jesus to become very angry and kick Satan out of Heaven into hell.

Macbeth deals with his greed by killing King Arthur and everyone that gets in his path to become king. He even gets help from his wife which causes her to also feel guilty. Satan also is very greedy; he forms a group of people to go against God In hopes of defeating him which also means that these people will go to hell with him, therefore, he is scarifying people’s lives for his greed to be king. In lines 34-39 of the epic “Paradise Lost”

Th' infernal Serpent; he it was, whose guile  
Stird up with Envy and Revenge, deceiv'd   
The Mother of Mankind, what time his Pride  
Had cast him out from Heav'n, with all his Host  
Of Rebel Angels, by whose aid aspiring  
To set himself in Glory above his Peers,

This excerpt is about how Satan’s pride got him thrown out of the Heaven’s and into hell along with his followers. His followers supported him in his ambition to glorify himself. Taken from a blog on [www.anwser.yahoo.com](http://www.anwser.yahoo.com): Act 1 scene 5 lines 9-15 pride had poisoned his mind so much that he no longer believes that repentance is even an option at this point he is so poisoned with pride there is no hope of redemption.

Macbeth knew all along that he should not be doing these evil things; he had morals, but his wife keep urging him to do this by telling him it was what he needed to do if he wanted the kingship faster than waiting years for King Arthur to die. When Satan first want down to hell, he had felt bad for what he had done and was thinking about asking God for forgiveness, but soon as that went through his mind, he thought about how he could make peoples’ lives miserable by creating evil. He wanted to do anything in his power to try to punish God for sending him down hell.

Macbeth and Satan were a like when it came to showing here true colors they both made themselves seem like genuine kind, noble people, but deep down inside they were planning who they should kill or take control of next. Macbeth killed many people such as the King Arthur to his best friend Banquoe just to feel powerful. Satan also destroyed people’s lives not exactly by killing but by taking people down to the fiery hell with him. These actions showed there true colors and who they really were.

Macbeth and Satan are a lot alike they both do not show there true colors until a problem occurs were they are forced to do more evil then good to try to fix it. The end comes for Macbeth when he and MacDuff go head and head in a battle which end with Macbeth dying. For Satan he lives on in hell still trying to defeat God and take over Heaven. Just like in *Mean Girls* you can be a fake person but everyone will soon find out who you really are and either learn to except you or try to defeat you.