

Witchcraft

Annabelle & Lewis

Scottish women

The theme in macbeth is not the same without the element of witchcraft. In the beginning of the book and play, three witches on a hilltop meet macbeth and this knocks onto the whole story. At the time of the book women were seen as being just as brave as the men and they would often fight in wars beside them. However women were seen as never to lie or cheat and to always be loyal.



Witchcraft

Shakespeare read a book on witchcraft just before he wrote Macbeth about why witches were nearly always women. James the First (the king at the time Macbeth was written) wrote “Daemonologie” in 1590. In this he describes the practise of witchcraft. And why it was not to be practiced.

A summary of daemonologie

This is a summary of Daemonologie:

- Witches serve the devil
- Because they work for the Devil, he becomes more powerful
- They are against God and Christianity
- They want to please the Devil
- **They do this because:**
 - They want revenge against men
 - They want to possess what men possess
 - They want to be rich or powerful
 - They want to satisfy their greed
 - They want to hurt men
 - They have cruel minds
- There are more female witches than men because:
 - They are weaker than men so it is easier for the Devil to use them (men wouldn't be so stupid!)
 - It was Eve (not Adam) that was tricked into eating the apple.



Jacobean Women

Shakespeare wrote Macbeth in 1606.

During elizabeth the firsts reign the plays shakespeare wrote were quite jovial and reflected the mood of the elizabethans at the time. When she died in 1603 the plays became woeful and because she had no children the throne was given to king james of scotland. He became king james the 1st of england and scotland. Britain became insecure and less optimistic. The plays shakespeare wrote then became darker and cynical

Jacobean women

- Had no power.
- There was no equality.
- They took a background role and supported their husbands.
- She had to accept her lesser status.
- A strong and dominant woman was unnatural.
- They obeyed their fathers and then their husbands.
- Supposed to be pious and pure.
- Mothers and caregivers.
- Completely against violence of any sort.
- Were avid followers of religion.

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Cheers

Who else is scared of annabelle???