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***Macbeth*, Act 5—Life is short**

Directions: After Lady Macbeth’s death, Macbeth speaks about his views about the impermanence of life and how everything eventually passes away. Linkin Park says something very similar in the song “In the End”. Read and **ANNOTATE** both Macbeth’s speech and “In the End”. Then, respond to the question at the bottom of the page.

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| **Prospero’s Speech (5.5.17-28)** | **“In the End” by Linkin Park** |
| (She should have died hereafter)Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,To the last syllable of recorded time;And all our yesterdays have lighted foolsThe way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player,That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,And then is heard no more. It is a taleTold by an idiot, full of sound and fury,Signifying nothing. | It starts with one thingI don't know whyIt doesn't even matter how hard you tryKeep that in mind I designed this rhymeTo explain in due timeAll I knowTime is a valuable thingWatch it fly by as the pendulum swingsWatch it count down to the end of the dayThe clock ticks life awayIt's so unrealDidn't look out belowWatch the time go right out the windowTrying to hold on, but you didn't even knowI wasted it all just to watch you goI kept everything insideAnd even though I tried, it all fell apartWhat it meant to meWill eventually be a memory of a time when**Chorus:***I tried so hardAnd got so farBut in the endIt doesn't even matterI had to fallTo lose it allBut in the endIt doesn't even matter*One thing, I don't know whyIt doesn't even matter how hard you try,Keep that in mind I designed this rhyme,To remind myself of a time whenI tried so hardIn spite of the way you were mocking meActing like I was part of your propertyRemembering all the times you fought with meI'm surprised it got soThings aren't the way they were beforeYou wouldn't even recognize me anymoreNot that you knew me back thenBut it all comes back to me in the endI kept everything insideAnd even though I tried, it all fell apartWhat it meant to me will eventually be a memory of a time when***Chorus***I've put my trust in youPushed as far as I can goFor all thisThere's only one thing you should knowI've put my trust in youPushed as far as I can goFor all thisThere's only one thing you should know***Chorus*** |

Remember that immediately before this soliloquy, Macbeth receives news of his wife’s death (probable suicide). Is Macbeth mourning the loss of his wife here, or the loss of his own sense of purpose?

Now, WRITE A 200 WORD RESPONSE to answering the following prompt

Consider both Macbeth’s speech and “In the End”. **Compare and contrast the speaker’s views on the meaning and purpose of life, especially in the face of a loss.** Consider the tone of each passage and the specific diction (individual words) as well as other literary devices that the speaker uses to communicate the tone. You must use **specific examples** from **both** Macbeth’s speech and “Dust in the Wind” to prove your point.