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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 fools  The 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 tale  Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  Signifying nothing. | It starts with one thing I don't know why It doesn't even matter how hard you try Keep that in mind I designed this rhyme To explain in due time All I know Time is a valuable thing Watch it fly by as the pendulum swings Watch it count down to the end of the day The clock ticks life away  It's so unreal Didn't look out below Watch the time go right out the window Trying to hold on, but you didn't even know I wasted it all just to watch you go I kept everything inside And even though I tried, it all fell apart What it meant to me Will eventually be a memory of a time when  **Chorus:**  *I tried so hard And got so far But in the end It doesn't even matter I had to fall To lose it all But in the end It doesn't even matter*  One thing, I don't know why It doesn't even matter how hard you try, Keep that in mind I designed this rhyme, To remind myself of a time when I tried so hard In spite of the way you were mocking me Acting like I was part of your property Remembering all the times you fought with me I'm surprised it got so Things aren't the way they were before You wouldn't even recognize me anymore Not that you knew me back then But it all comes back to me in the end I kept everything inside And even though I tried, it all fell apart What it meant to me will eventually be a memory of a time when  ***Chorus***  I've put my trust in you Pushed as far as I can go For all this There's only one thing you should know I've put my trust in you Pushed as far as I can go For all this There'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.