Read the following passage from 3.1 of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth*. After Macbeth’s coronation as king, he begins to fear Banquo because, if the witches’ prophecy is true, then he now bears a fruitless crown. Read the passage closely. Then, form a paragraph in which you discuss how Shakespeare reveals Macbeth’s state of mind. **. (8 sentences minimum; 2 embedded quotes with relevant commentary).**

**MACBETH**

To be thus1 is nothing, but2 to be safely thus—

Our fears in Banquo stick deep,

And in his royalty of nature reigns that

Which would be feared. ‘Tis much he dares;

And, to3 that dauntless4 temper of his mind,

He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valor

To act in safety. There is none but he

Whose being I do fear: and under him

My genius is rebuked, as it is said

Mark Anotny’s was by Caesar5. He [scolded] the sisters,

When first they put the name of King upon me,

And bade them speak to him; then prophetlike

They hailed him father to a line of kings.

Upon my head they placed a fruitless crown

And put a barren scepter in my [grip],

Thence to be wrenched with an unlineal hand

No son of mine succeeding. It’t be so,

For Banquo’s issue have I [defiled] my mind;

For them the gracious Duncan have I murdered;

Put rancors in the vessel of my peace

Only for them, and mine eternal jewel6

Given to the common enemy of man,

To make them kings, the seeds of Banquo’s kings!

Rather than so, come, fate, into the list,

And champion me to th’ utterance!7

1 king

2 unless

3 added to

4 fearless

5 Caesar and Antony were Roman leaders. Caesar never saw Antony as his superior and equal. Antony was intimidated by Caesar’s power.

6 soul

7  fight against me to the death