When the servant reports to Duncan in Act I, Scene II he uses words that paint many pictures to give the king (and the audience) a better understanding of the fight. This activity helps you understand how the battle transpired as well as how imagery enhances writing.

Directions: Reread the servant's speeches in Act I, Scene II. Take notes of any images he uses.

(Hint: Look for metaphors and similes). Then create 3 charts like the ones below and complete them with your partner.

List three images below:

Ex: as two spent swimmers that do cling together/ An choke their art

1.

2.

3.

Explain each of the images:

Ex: Two people who are exhausted and holding onto each other for support, and thus are not seeming to perform well.

1.

2.

3.

What does each image add to the servant's tale?

Ex: It shows the soldiers' weariness, helps you visualize their weakness, and shows that you can't determine the outcome of their match.

1.

2.

3.