

Comparing/Contrasting Themes in Shakespeare & Frost

In Shakespeare's tragedy *Macbeth*, Macbeth speaks the following lines when he learns of his wife's death:

*She should have died hereafter;
There would have been a time for such a word.
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. — Macbeth (Act 5, Scene 5, lines 17-28)*

Both *Macbeth* and "Out, Out –" deal with themes of life and death. Write an essay comparing and contrasting how each of these works deals with these themes. Make sure to state the theme for each work in your essay and explore ways in which the themes of these works are both similar and different.