Compare the ways in which at least two works you have studied portray individual weakness.

Macbeth. Shakespeare.

The Glass Menagerie. Tennessee Williams. (1944)

In both *Macbeth* by Shakespeare and *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams the characters show individual weaknesses. In *Macbeth* Macbeth shows psychological weaknesses because he is scared of his future, in *The Glass Menagerie* however Laura suffers from a physical weakness, which is the limp in her leg. The weaknesses of both these characters are portrayed through the use of stylistic devices, symbols and metaphors.

In *The Glass Menagerie* Laura’s weakness is shown using the metaphor of the unicorn with the broken horn.

In *Macbeth* Macbeth’s fear is shown through his hallucinations, specifically the hallucination of the dagger and the blood on his hands.

In conclusion the different ways of individual weaknesses were displayed very effectively. Although Laura and Macbeth both have individual weaknesses they are portrayed in different ways. Laura suffers from a physical weakness and Macbeth has a psychological weakness, they are both demonstrated in very similar ways through the use of metaphors and symbols