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Julius Caesar: Act II Reading and Study Guide

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the play.

taper _____

tyranny (tɪr'æ-nē) _____

lest _____

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the play.

anachronism (ə-nāk'rə-nɪz'əm) _____

Example: _____

complication _____

personification _____

example: _____

irony: _____

Example: _____

I. dramatic irony _____

Example: _____

II. situational irony _____

III. verbal irony: _____

aside _____

example: _____

III. Questions: answer the following questions.

Scene 1:

1. According to Brutus, why is it necessary that Caesar be killed?
2. What actions does Lucius perform that help the plot unfold?
3. What is Brutus's internal conflict?

4. Why does Brutus disagree about taking an oath?
5. Why does Metellus think it would be a good idea to ask Cicero to join the conspiracy?
6. Why does Brutus say they should not ask Cicero to join the conspiracy?
7. What does Brutus say about killing Marc Antony?
8. What reason does Cassius give for why Caesar might not come out of his house today?
9. By what method does Decius say he will use to get Caesar out of the house?
10. Why is Portia, Brutus's wife, worried about Brutus?
11. How does she prove her strength to Brutus?

Scene 2:

12. Why does Calpurnia want Caesar to stay home?
13. Describe Calpurnia's dream.
14. How does Decius interpret the interpret Calpurnia's dream?
15. What arguments does Decius use to change Caesar's mind about going to the Capitol?

Scene 3:

16. What does Artemidorus plan to do?

Scene 4:

17. Why is Portia so nervous?
18. What does Portia want Lucius to do?
19. What does the soothsayer tell Portia?