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Julius Caesar: Act III Reading and Study Guide

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

vouchsafe (vouch-sāf) _____

conspiracy (kən-spîr'ē-sē) _____

foe _____

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

climax _____

What is the climax of this play? _____

allusion: _____

Example: _____

imagery _____

verbal irony _____

Example: _____

III. Questions: answer the following questions.

Scene 1:

1. What reason does Caesar give for not reading Artemidorus's letter?
2. What Roles do the following characters play in the conspiracy?
Trebonius:

Metellus Cimber:

Casca:
3. What is Caesar's opinion of himself?
4. What does "Et tu, Brute?" mean? How do these words relate to the theme of friendship in the play?
5. Where does Caesar's dead body lie? How is this ironic?

6. What does Brutus tell the conspirators to do after killing Caesar?
7. What promise does Brutus tell the servant to relay to Antony?
8. What does Antony say about the possibility of being killed by the conspirators?
9. After being assured he is in no danger, what favor does Antony ask of the conspirators?
10. What does Cassius think about granting Antony this favor?
11. What restrictions does Brutus set?
12. Summarize Antony's main points in his speech to Caesar's body?
13. Who is coming to Rome to meet with Antony?

Scene 2:

14. According to Brutus's speech to the commoners, what reasons does he give for Caesar's death?
15. What is the mood of the crowd as Brutus finishes his speech?
16. What does Brutus offer at the end of his speech?
17. List three points of Antony's speech that work to persuade the crowd to turn on the conspirators.
18. What reason does Antony give for why he cannot read Caesar's will?
19. What has Caesar bequeathed the Romans in his will?
20. How does the crowd react to Antony's speech?

Scene 3:

21. What happens to Cinna the Poet? Why?