

# Julius Caesar Study Guide

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## ACT I

### Scene 1

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1. Who do Marullus and Flavius seem to be?
2. How do Flavius and Marullus feel about the actions of the commoners? Why do they feel this way?
3. Who was Pompey?

### Scene 2

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1. Why does Caesar want Antony to touch Calpurnia with his whip?
2. What is the soothsayer's warning to Caesar?
3. What mixed feelings does Brutus have towards Caesar?
4. How does Cassius feel about Caesar's power?
5. How do we know Caesar doesn't trust Cassius?
6. Why does the crowd shout three times?
7. What did Caesar do after refusing the crown the third time?
8. What physical weaknesses does Caesar possess?
9. What is Cassius going to do to convince Brutus to join the conspiracy?

### Scene Three

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1. Why is Casca so upset? What unusual things have been happening?
2. How does Cassius interpret the unnatural phenomena?

3. What does Cassius want Cinna to do?
4. Why do the conspirators need Brutus on their side?

## **ACT II**

### **Scene One**

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1. What reasons does Brutus have for thinking it might be necessary to get rid of Caesar?
2. Who came to visit Brutus?
3. Name all of the conspirators.
4. Explain the discussion about Cicero.
5. Why don't the conspirators plan to kill Mark Antony?
6. Why do the conspirators fear Caesar may decide not to go to the Capitol?
7. Who is Portia? What does she ask Brutus? What does he say?

### **Scene Two**

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1. What did the augurers advise?
2. Why does Calpurnia tell Caesar not to go to the Capitol?
3. Who convinces Caesar to go to the Capitol? How?

### **Scene Three**

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1. Who is Artemidorus?
2. What does Artemidorus plan to do?

### **Scene Four**

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1. Why does Portia send Lucius to the Capitol?

2. Did Brutus ever have a chance to tell Portia about the assassination plans?
3. Why does Portia act like nothing is wrong and tell Lucius simply to go to the capitol and come back?

## **ACT III**

### **Scene One**

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1. How does Caesar react to Artemidorus's warning?
2. What does Caesar say to Metellus Cimber's request for freedom for his brother Publius?
3. Who stabs Caesar first?
4. Who stabs Caesar last? What does Caesar say?
5. Why do Cassius and Brutus say they did Caesar a favor by killing him?
6. After the assassination, Mark Antony sends his servant to talk to Brutus. Why?
7. What does Mark Antony ask of the conspirators? How do Brutus and Cassius respond?
8. How does Antony really feel about Caesar's death?
9. What does Antony instruct Octavius's servant to tell Octavius?
10. Think about it: From his dying statement, what can you infer about Caesar's reaction to his assassination?

### **Scene Two**

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1. In Brutus's funeral speech, what reason does he give for the death of Caesar?
2. What does Brutus say would have happened to the people if Caesar had remained alive and in power?
3. What does Brutus volunteer to do if the people desire it?

4. How do the people react to Brutus's speech?
5. What does Brutus ask the people to do?
6. What does Antony say happens to the good that men do after they die? What happens to the evil?
7. What reasons does Antony point out that show Caesar was not ambitious?
8. What does Antony keep repeating about the conspirators?
9. What do the people want Antony to read? What does it say?
10. How do the people respond to Antony's speech?
11. What did Brutus and Cassius do while Antony was speaking?

### **Scene Three**

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1. Who is Cinna in this scene?
2. What happens to him?
3. Why do you think Shakespeare included this scene in the play?

## **ACT IV**

### **Scene One**

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1. A second triumvirate (ruling body of three) has been formed. Of whom does it consist?
2. What are the three new rulers planning to do?
3. What does Antony say about Lepidus after he leaves?
4. In this scene, we see a different side of Antony. What does he say that seems out of character with the simple and honest man he seemed to be in the previous act? What does this tell us about him?

## **Scene Two**

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1. When Brutus realizes Cassius is angry, what does he urge him not to do? What does he suggest instead?

## **Scene Three**

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1. Why is Cassius angry with Brutus?
2. Of what does Brutus accuse Cassius?
3. What did Brutus ask Cassius for that he has not received?
4. What does Cassius offer to let Brutus do? Why?
5. What is really bothering Brutus? How did the event that is bothering him happen?
6. What reasons does Cassius give for the army not marching to Phillippi?
7. The night before Cassius and Brutus plan to fight the forces of Octavius and Antony, what disturbs the sleep of Brutus?
8. What warning is given to Brutus?

## **ACT V**

### **Scene One**

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1. Why does Antony believe Brutus and Cassius are bringing their troops to Philippi?
2. What does Cassius mean when he says “Now, Brutus, thank yourself; this tongue had not offended so today, if Cassius might have ruled.”
3. When does Octavius say he will put his sword away?
4. How many times was Caesar stabbed?
5. What day does Cassius say it is?

6. What new omens does Cassius report to Messala?
7. What does Brutus pledge he will never do?

### **Scene Two**

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1. Why does Brutus order an attack at this time?

### **Scene Three**

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1. Why does Cassius send Titinius to the battlefield?
2. What does Cassius believe happens to Titinius?
3. How does Pindarus, a prisoner, earn his freedom?
4. Why does Titinius take his own life?
5. How does Brutus react when he finds out what happens to Cassius?

### **Scene Four**

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1. Why does Lucilius pretend to be Brutus?
2. What happens to Lucilius?

### **Scene Five**

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1. What does Brutus ask Clitus, Dardanius and Voluminus to do? How do they respond?
2. How does Brutus die?
3. Explain what Strato meant when he said “For Brutus only overcame himself, and no man else hath honor by his death.”
4. Why does Antony declare Brutus “the noblest Roman of them all?”
5. How does Octavius show respect for Brutus?