



Julius Caesar

by: William Shakespeare



Friends, Romans, Countrymen! Lend me your names! _____

Act II Scene i: Rome, Brutus's garden.

1. Throughout this scene, Brutus resents the sneaky way the others are going about things. Remember, he wants to kill Caesar for the good of Rome, and he believes that this noble cause shouldn't be smeared by "criminal-like" behavior. Give an example of a time when Brutus spoke out against the behavior of the others.
2. Who is the only one that doesn't seem to want Cicero to be in on the plot?
3. Why do the others pacify him?
4. Why does Cassius plot to kill Mark Antony as well as Caesar?
5. How does Brutus persuade Cassius not to kill Mark Antony? **This was a tactical error, and Cassius knew it. Why was he willing to make it?**
6. Who volunteers to make sure Caesar goes out to the capitol the next day?
7. At what time are they planning to meet Caesar?
8. Who is Portia?
9. What does Portia want to know? (pages 60-61)
10. What is Brutus's answer?
11. Does Portia believe Brutus's explanation?
12. Does Brutus love and respect his wife? Based on that, will he tell her what's really going on? (pages 64-65)
13. Continue reading to the bottom of page 66-67. Another visitor, Caius Ligarius, speaks to Brutus about the plot to kill Caesar. How does Ligarius symbolically show that he is gladdened by the news that Brutus is in favor of killing Caesar?