



Julius Caesar

by: William Shakespeare



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

Act I Scene iii: A street in Rome.

1. Why is Casca frightened as *Scene iii* opens?
2. What does Cassius think the signs mean?
3. Throughout the play so far, we have seen that Cassius doesn't think too highly of Caesar. Find some words of Cassius that show his contempt for Caesar. Write the passage below.
4. Who makes the following statement? About whom is it said? What does it mean?

O, he sits high in all the people's hearts,
And that which would appear offense in us,
His countenance, like richest alchemy
Will change to virtue and to worthiness.
5. How is Shakespeare's use of the alchemy comparison a foreshadowing of the ultimate failure of the plot?