

JULIUS CAESAR • ACT 3
COMPREHENSION CHECK

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Circle a letter to answer each question.

1. What does Metellus Cimber ask of Caesar?
 - a. to transfer him to another city
 - b. to allow his brother to return to Rome
 - c. to permit his brother to leave Rome
2. Where do the conspirators kill Caesar?
 - a. on the steps outside the Capitol
 - b. inside the Senate House
 - c. in his own home
3. What do the conspirators do with Caesar's blood after they kill him?
 - a. They wash it off their hands.
 - b. They cover it with a blanket.
 - c. They smear their hands and swords with it.
4. What favor does Antony ask of the conspirators?
 - a. that he be allowed to speak at Caesar's funeral
 - b. that he be the one to tell Calpurnia about Caesar's death
 - c. that they take him in as one of them
5. Who speaks first at Caesar's funeral?
 - a. Antony
 - b. Calpurnia
 - c. Brutus
6. After Brutus's speech, what do the people think?
 - a. that Caesar was an evil tyrant who had to die
 - b. that Brutus is a cruel murderer who deserves punishment
 - c. that Antony is a coward who should be exiled
7. After Antony's speech, what do the people think?
 - a. that Caesar was not really a good leader
 - b. that Brutus and the conspirators had been wrong
 - c. that Antony should be the next emperor of Rome

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CHARACTER STUDY

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A. Who did it? Write the name of the character who took each action described below. Choose from the characters listed in the box. Check off each name as you use it.

<input type="checkbox"/> Antony	<input type="checkbox"/> Trebonius	<input type="checkbox"/> Brutus
<input type="checkbox"/> Casca	<input type="checkbox"/> Artemidorus	<input type="checkbox"/> Popilius

- Who gets Antony out of the way for the conspirators? _____
- Who is the first to stab Caesar? _____
- Who is the last to stab Caesar? _____
- Who speaks last at Caesar's funeral? _____
- Who speaks to Caesar, worrying Cassius? _____
- Who tries to give a letter to Caesar? _____

B. Who said what? Write the character's name next to the line that he or she spoke. Use each of these names twice: **Antony, Brutus, Cassius, Caesar.**

- _____ : "As he was brave, I honor him. But as he was ambitious—I killed him."
- _____ : "But I am constant as the northern star . . ."
- _____ : "*Et tu, Brutè?* Then fall, Caesar!"
- _____ : "How many ages in the future / Shall our great scene be acted over / In states unborn and accents yet unknown!"
- _____ : "I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him."
- _____ : "Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more."
- _____ : "Why, he that cuts off 20 years of life / Cuts off so many years of fearing death."
- _____ : "You are the ruins of the noblest man / That ever lived in the tide of times."

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1. What is Antony's attitude toward Lepidus?
 - a. that he is a wise old man
 - b. that he is an unimportant man
 - c. that he cannot be trusted
2. What is Brutus's reaction when Cassius wants to argue about something?
 - a. that they should argue in private, rather than in front of their men
 - b. that Cassius has no right to question his authority
 - c. that they should argue openly, in front of their men
3. What objection does Brutus have to Cassius's behavior?
 - a. Cassius has been too easy on his troops.
 - b. Cassius is too hungry for power.
 - c. Cassius has been selling honors to undeserving men.
4. On whom or what does Cassius blame his bad temper?
 - a. his mother
 - b. too much stress in his life
 - c. a poor diet
5. What is the cause of Brutus's recent grief?
 - a. He's afraid he will lose the battle against Antony.
 - b. His wife, Portia, has committed suicide.
 - c. He misses Rome.
6. Where will Brutus go to meet Antony and his army?
 - a. to Philippi
 - b. to Rome
 - c. to Verona
7. What does Caesar's ghost say to Brutus?
 - a. that Brutus will lose the battle
 - b. that he will haunt him for the rest of his life
 - c. that he will see him at Philippi

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<input type="checkbox"/> Cassius	<input type="checkbox"/> Lucilius	<input type="checkbox"/> Lucius	

1. Who told a man that his brother would have to die? _____
2. Who complains that Cassius has not been very friendly lately? _____
3. Who wants to reduce the amount of money Caesar left to the people? _____
4. Who is angry with someone for taking bribes? _____
5. Who was sent on an errand to get the will from Caesar's house? _____
6. Who is Brutus's servant? _____
7. Who is accused of having an "itching palm"? _____

B. *Who said what?* Write the character's name next to the line that he or she spoke. Use each of these names twice: **Brutus, Cassius, Antony.**

1. _____: "Do not presume so much on my love. / I may do something that I shall regret."
2. _____: "There goes an unimportant man, / Fit to be sent on errands."
3. _____: "When love begins to sicken and decay, / It becomes forced ceremony."
4. _____: "We lay these honors on this man / To ease ourselves of some of the blame."
5. _____: "A friend should accept his friend's faults, / But you make mine greater than they are."
6. _____: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, / Taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

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Circle a letter to answer each question.

1. What is the main topic of conversation when the leaders meet before the battle?
 - a. choice of weapons
 - b. Caesar's death
 - c. terms of surrender
2. To Cassius, what is special about the day of the battle?
 - a. It's his birthday.
 - b. It's his wedding anniversary.
 - c. It's his son's birthday.
3. What is Brutus's attitude toward suicide?
 - a. He thinks it's a courageous act.
 - b. He believes that it's sometimes the best way.
 - c. He thinks it's a cowardly act.
4. Why does Cassius tell Titinius to ride to another part of the battlefield?
 - a. to find out if the troops there are friends or enemies
 - b. to see if Mark Antony is really in his tent
 - c. to get to a place of safety
5. How does Cassius die?
 - a. He is killed in battle by someone he doesn't know.
 - b. His slave Pindarus kills him at his request.
 - c. He is killed in a face-to-face duel with Antony.
6. What happens to Brutus?
 - a. He is killed accidentally by one of his own men.
 - b. He is taken prisoner by Antony's soldiers.
 - c. He kills himself by running onto his own sword.
7. Why does Antony call Brutus "the noblest Roman of them all"?
 - a. because he held the highest rank in Rome, next to Caesar
 - b. because his motivation was always for the common good of Rome
 - c. because he had always been a good friend to Caesar

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<input type="checkbox"/> Antony	<input type="checkbox"/> Cassius	<input type="checkbox"/> Brutus	<input type="checkbox"/> Octavius
<input type="checkbox"/> Strato	<input type="checkbox"/> Titinius	<input type="checkbox"/> Pindarus	

- Who holds Brutus's sword so Brutus can run onto it? _____
- Who tells his slave to kill him and then go free? _____
- Who makes a speech over Brutus's dead body, showing great respect? _____
- Who declares that Brutus shall have all the rites of burial? _____
- Who reports to Cassius from the top of a hill about how the battle is going? _____
- Who brings good news to Cassius, only to find him dead? _____
- Who is in charge of the conspirators' troops? _____

B. Who said what? Write the character's name next to the line that he or she spoke.

- _____ : "I was not born to die on Brutus's sword."
- _____ : "The ghost of Caesar appeared to me / Last night. I know my hour has come."
- _____ : "I shall run far from here, / Where no Roman shall notice me."
- _____ : "His life was gentle, and the elements / So mixed in him that Nature might stand up / And say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"
- _____ : "... Brutus alone has conquered Brutus. / No other man gains honor by his death."
- _____ : "With this sword that ran through Caesar's belly, seek my heart."
- _____ : "Oh, setting sun, / As in your red rays you do sink tonight, / So in his red blood has Cassius's day set."