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3. What has happened to Portia?
4. Why does Cassius want to be on the defensive and wait to be attacked where they are camped?
5. What is Brutus' reason for wanting to take the offensive and march to Philippi?
6. Which strategy is decided upon? Why?
7. Why does Brutus have Varro and Claudius sleep in his tent?
8. What premonition does Brutus have of his death?
9. What "visitor" does Brutus have in the night? What warning does he receive?

**ACT V***Scene i*

1. Where does the action in this scene occur? How is this important to the play?
2. What lines imply that there will be results by the end of the day?
3. What are Cassius' thoughts of the future?
4. What does Brutus imply he will do if he sees that he is losing?

*Scene ii*

1. What prompted Brutus to send Messala with a message to the troops?

*Scene iii*

1. What does Pindarus report to Cassius?
2. How does Cassius die?
3. Who had actually surrounded Titinius?
4. What is the meaning of Brutus' lines, "O Julius Caesar, thou art mighty yet!"?

*Scene iv*

1. What action in the scene shows you that Brutus men respect and protect him?

*Scene v*

1. How does the action in this scene add to the idea shown in scene iv?
2. Of what glory does Brutus speak in line 30?
3. Explain the meaning of Brutus' final speech, lines 50-51.
4. Explain Antony's final speech, lines 60-65.
5. What is the mood of the final scene?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer.**

1. Who warned Caesar concerning the ides of March?
2. Give two examples of omens of chaos at the beginning of scene three.
3. What is the "...enterprise/ Of honorable dangerous consequence" to which Cassius refers?
4. What was the Roman belief concerning a barren woman and the Lupercalia holiday?

**Matching:** Write the letter of the character's name next to the correct description.

- \_\_\_ 5. originator of the conspiracy
- \_\_\_ 6. Caesar's wife
- \_\_\_ 7. a wise old senator
- \_\_\_ 8. a tribune who liberates the commoners
- \_\_\_ 9. recently defeated by Caesar
- \_\_\_ 10. a man the conspiracy hopes will join them

- a. Cicerio
- b. Casca
- c. Flavius
- d. Calpurnia
- e. Cassius
- f. Pompey
- g. Brutus

**Quotes.** Identify the speaker and listener.

11. "Into what dangers would you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_, / That you would have me seek into myself/ For that which is not in me?"

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

12. "Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look; He thinks too much; such men are dangerous."

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Julius Caesar  
Act IV Quiz

### Short Answer.

1. Who are the members of the new triumvirate?
2. In the conversation between them, of what does Brutus accuse Cassius?
3. What disturbing visitor visits Brutus, and what warning does he give?
4. In addition to anger, Brutus is also feeling grief. Why?

For each quote, explain the circumstances or reason for the character's lines, identify the speaker, and paraphrase the meaning.

5. "A friend should bear his friend's infirmities,  
But \_\_\_\_\_ makes mine greater than they are."

Speaker:

Circumstances:

Meaning:

6. "This is a night unmeet the man,  
Meet to be sent on errands..."

Speaker:

Circumstances:

Meaning:

7. "...Ha! Who comes here?  
I think it is the weakness of mine eyes  
That shapes this monstrous apparition."

Speaker:

Circumstances:

Meaning: