***Julius Caesar* Name:**

**Act I, Scene i Annotations Date:**

**DIRECTIONS: Closely read Marullus and Flavius conversation from Act I, Scene i. Annotate for Marullus’ explanation as to why the people of Rome should not be happy about Caesar’s victory and Flavius attitude toward the people.**

**Marullus**

Wherefore rejoice? What conquest brings he home?

What tributaries follow him to Rome

To grace in captive bonds his chariot wheels?

35 You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!

O you hard hearts, you cruel men of Rome!

Knew you not Pompey? Many a time and oft

Have you climbed up to walls and battlements,

To tow’rs and windows, yea, to chimney tops,

40 Your infants in your arms, and there have sat

The livelong day, with patient expectation,

To see great Pompey pass the streets of Rome.

And when you saw his chariot but appear,

Have you not made an universal shout,

45 That Tiber trembled underneath her banks

To hear the replication of your sounds

Made in her concave shores?

And do you now put on your best attire?

And do you now cull out a holiday?

50 And do you now strew flowers in his way

That comes in triumph over Pompey’s blood?

Be gone!

Run to your houses, fall upon your knees,

Pray to the gods to intermit the plague

55 That needs must light on this ingratitude.

**Flavius**

Go, go, good countrymen, and for this fault

Assemble all the poor men of your sort;

Draw them to Tiber banks, and weep your tears

Into the channel, till the lowest stream

60 Do kiss the most exalted shores of all.

[Exeunt all the Commoners.]

See, whe’r their basest metal be not moved.

They vanish tongue-tied in their guiltiness.

Go you down that way towards the Capitol;

This way will I. Disrobe the images

65 If you do find them decked with ceremonies.