***Julius Caesar* Name:**

**Review Questions Date:**

**DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

Act I, scene i

1. What is the setting?
2. How does Flavius say the people should be dressed?
3. What three reasons does the cobbler give for not being at work?
4. Whom else did the people cheer for prior to Caesar?
5. What does Murellus tell the people to do?
6. How does Murellus feel the people have been acting?
7. What does Flavius suggest they do to the images?
8. Explain lines 72-75.

Act I, scene ii

1. Why does Caesar want Calphurnia to stand in Anthony’s path during the race in honor of the feast of Lupercal?
2. What warning does the soothsayer give?
3. What does Caesar call him?
4. Does he heed the warning?
5. How has Brutus been acting toward Cassius?
6. Why has he been acting like that?
7. Who does not think Brutus is great?
8. What is Brutus afraid that the people are doing?
9. How did Cassius “save” Caesar?
10. Read lines 90-131. What is Cassius’ overall attitude towards Caesar?
11. Whose fault is it that Caesar has so much power?
12. Explain lines 159-161.
13. Why does Caesar want men around him who are fat and sleep well at night?
14. Whom does Caesar consider to be dangerous?
15. How many times was Caesar offered the crown? Did he accept it?
16. What is the “falling sickness”?
17. How could Cassius and Brutus have it?
18. What happened to Flavius and Murellus?
19. What does Cassius plan to do to trick Brutus into joining the conspiracy against Caesar?

Act I, scene iii

1. What is the setting?
2. What is the weather like?
3. What did Casca see?
4. What did Cassius do in the storm?
5. What is Cassius’ explanation for the storm?
6. What is supposed to happen to Caesar tomorrow?
7. Who does Cassius blame for Caesar’s power?
8. Where are Cassius’ men waiting for him?
9. Who does Cinna wish was a conspirator?

Act II, scene i.

1. What does Brutus wish for at the opening of the scene and why?
2. For what information does Brutus want Lucius to look at a calendar?  What is the significance of what Lucius finds?
3. Why does Brutus refuse to take an oath?
4. Why does Brutus reject Cicero? What is Cassius’s reaction and what does this show about his and Brutus’s relationship?
5. How does Brutus say Caesar should be killed and why?
6. What does Brutus say about killing Marc Antony? Explain why he feels this.
7. How does Decius say he will make sure that he will make sure that Caesar will come to the Capitol?
8. What has Portia done to show Brutus that she is worthy of knowing his secret?

Act II, scene ii.

1. What strange and horrible things does Calphurnia report to Caesar that have been seen that night?
2. What does Calphurnia mean by the following statement?  “When beggars die, there are no comets seen;/ The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes.”
3. How does Decius convince Caesar to go to the Capitol?

Act II, scene iii.

1. What is Artemidorus’ plan?

Act II.  scene  iv.

1. Why is Portia so nervous and upset?  On what errand does she send Lucius?
2. What does the Soothsayer tell Portia?

Act III, scene i.

1. In regard to Artemidorus’  request, how does Caesar’s nobility doom him?
2. What is Metellus Cimber’s petition to Caesar?  What is Caesar’s response and why does he give this response?
3. What does Brutus instruct the conspirators to do before they go before the public?  Why does he instruct them to do this?
4. What request does Antony’s servant bring to Brutus? What is Brutus’s response?
5. Why does Cassius object to letting Antony speak at Caesars funeral? What reassurance does Brutus give him?
6. What promise does Antony give Brutus about his funeral speech?
7. After being left alone with Caesar's body, what does Antony promise to do?

Act III, scene ii.

1. What reason does Brutus give for murdering Caesar?  What is the crowd’s reaction?
2. What final mistake does Brutus make in letting Antony speak?
3. Why does Antony read Caesar’s will to the people?
4. At the end of the scene, what are the fates of Brutus and Cassius?

Act III, scene iii.

1. What is the significance of this scene?

Act IV. scene i.

1. What are Antony, Octavius, and Lepidus doing at the beginning of the scene?
2. Why do they want Caesars will?  What is ironic about this?
3. What is Anthony’s plan for Lepidus? What is his reason?

Act IV. scene ii.

1. What does Brutus tell Lucilius about dying love?
2. What practical instruction does Brutus give Cassius about their disagreement?  What is unusual about this?

Act IV, scene iii.

1. What wrong does Cassius say Brutus has done him?
2. In response, what does Brutus condemn Cassius for doing?
3. What does Cassius threaten to do if Brutus continues to “urge” him?
4. According to Brutus, how has Cassius wronged him? What is ironic about Brutus’s accusation?
5. To prove that he has been wronged, what does Cassius tell Brutus to do to him?
6. What is the real reason for Brutus’s ill temper?  Give all of the details.
7. Messala brings what ill news of the triumvirate’s actions in Rome?
8. What reason does Cassius give for NOT going directly to Philippi?
9. What reason does Brutus give for going directly to Philippi? Who prevails?
10. What happens to make Brutus speed up his plan to go to Philippi?

Act V, scene i.

1. What hope of Octavius and Antony is answered?  What does this say about Brutus?
2. What does Cassius mean by the following statement? “Flatterers!  Now Brutus thank yourself;/This tongue had not offered so today,/If Cassius might have ruled.”(45-47)
3. What ominous sign has Cassius seen that causes him to fear the coming battle?
4. What does Brutus say he will do if they lose the battle?  Why is he reluctant to do this?

Act V, scene iii.

1. What horrible mistake does Cassius make?  What is the outcome of this mistake?
2. What is Titinius’s reaction to Cassius’s action?
3. What is Brutus’s response to Cassius and Titinius’s actions?

Act V, scene iv.

1. What role does Lucilius take upon himself?  What was Antony’s response to his masquerade?

Act V, scene v.

1. What request does Brutus make of Clitus?  What is his response?
2. What does Brutus ask Volumnius to do? What reason does he give?  What is Volumnius’s response?
3. What does Strato do for Brutus?  What does Strato ask Brutus to do first?  Why?
4. What overture of peace does Octavius make to Brutus’s men?
5. How do Antony and Octavius honor Brutus?