***Julius Caesar* Name:**

**Identifying Claims – Cassius and Brutus (I.ii) Date:**

**DIRECTIONS: Read lines 79-161 carefully and closely. Annotate for the claims that Cassius and Brutus make.**

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| **Brutus.**  What means this shouting? I do fear the people  80 Choose Caesar for their king.  **Cassius**  Ay, do you fear it?  Then must I think you would not have it so.  **Brutus**  I would not, Cassius, yet I love him well.  But wherefore do you hold me here so long?  What is it that you would impart to me?  85 If it be aught toward the general good,  Set honor in one eye and death i’ the other,  And I will look on both indifferently;  For let the gods so speed me as I love  The name of honor more than I fear death.  **Cassius**  90 I know that virtue to be in you, Brutus,  As well as I do know your outward favor.  Well, honor is the subject of my story.  I cannot tell what you and other men  Think of this life, but for my single self,  95 I had as lief not be as live to be  In awe of such a thing as I myself.  I was born free as Caesar, so were you;  We both have fed as well, and we can both  Endure the winter’s cold as well as he.  100 For once, upon a raw and gusty day,  The troubled Tiber chafing with her shores,  Caesar said to me, “Dar’st thou, Cassius, now  Leap in with me into this angry flood  And swim to yonder point?” Upon the word,  105 Accoutered as I was, I plunged in  And bade him follow. So indeed he did.  The torrent roared, and we did buffet it  With lusty sinews, throwing it aside  And stemming it with hearts of controversy.  110 But ere we could arrive the point proposed,  Caesar cried, “Help me, Cassius, or I sink!”  I, as Aeneas, our great ancestor,  Did from the flames of Troy upon his shoulder  The old Anchises bear, so from the waves of Tiber  115 Did I the tired Caesar. And this man  Is now become a god, and Cassius is  A wretched creature and must bend his body  If Caesar carelessly but nod on him. | He had a fever when he was in Spain,  120 And when the fit was on him, I did mark  How he did shake. ’Tis true, this god did shake.  His coward lips did from their color fly  And that same eye whose bend doth awe the world  Did lose his luster. I did hear him groan.  125 Ay, and that tongue of his that bade the Romans  Mark him and write his speeches in their books,  Alas, it cried, “Give me some drink, Titinius,”  As a sick girl! Ye gods! it doth amaze me  A man of such a feeble temper should  130 So get the start of the majestic world  And bear the palm alone.  [Shout. Flourish.]  **Brutus**  Another general shout?  I do believe that these applauses are  For some new honors that are heaped on Caesar.  **Cassius**  135 Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world  Like a Colossus, and we petty men  Walk under his huge legs and peep about  To find ourselves dishonorable graves.  Men at some time are masters of their fates.  140 The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,  But in ourselves, that we are underlings.  “Brutus,” and “Caesar.” What should be in that “Caesar”?  Why should that name be sounded more than yours?  Write them together: yours is as fair a name.  145 Sound them, it doth become the mouth as well.  Weigh them, it is as heavy. Conjure with ’em:  “Brutus” will start a spirit as soon as “Caesar.”  Now in the names of all the gods at once,  Upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed  150 That he is grown so great? Age, thou are shamed!  Rome, thou hast lost the breed of noble bloods!  When went there by an age since the great Flood  But it was famed with more than with one man?  When could they say (till now) that talked of Rome  155 That her wide walls encompassed but one man?  Now is it Rome indeed, and room enough,  When there is in it but one only man!  O, you and I have heard our fathers say  There was a Brutus once that would have brooked  160 The eternal devil to keep his state in Rome  As easily as a king. |

**In a short paragraph (4-6 sentences), answer the following questions using textual evidence.**

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| What is Brutus’ claim? |
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