

## Julius Caesar Act III/IV Questions

Directions: Answer these questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Each one is worth FOUR POINTS. Partial answers will only receive partial credit.

### Act III

1. Why does Caesar say, “Et tu Brute?” when he dies? What does this tell us about their relationship?
2. Explain *why* Brutus was unable to correctly judge the threat posed by Mark Antony, while Cassius judged him accurately.
3. Brutus gives a speech to the Romans explaining why Caesar had to be assassinated. What reasons does he give and which rhetorical strategy or strategies does he use?
4. Mark Antony gives a speech to the Romans explaining why Caesar should NOT have been assassinated. What reasons does he give and which rhetorical strategy or strategies does he use?
5. Whose speech is more effective in convincing the crowd? What does this suggest about how effective different rhetorical strategies are when addressing large crowds?

### Act IV

6. What personal qualities is Mark Antony beginning to display in Act IV, Scene 1? (Support your answer with quote(s) from the text.)
7. In Scene 2, what reason does Brutus give for wanting to take his discussion with Cassius into the tent?
8. What improper behavior does Brutus accuse Cassius of in Scene 3?
9. Paraphrase (in your own words) the following quotation from Scene 3: “Remember the ides of March; the ides of March remember. Did not great Julius bleed for justice’ sake? What villain touched his body that did stab and not for justice? What, shall one of us that struck the foremost man of all this world, but for supporting robbers shall we now contaminate our fingers with base bribes?....I’d rather be a dog and bay at the moon than such a Roman.”
10. Explain the tactics that Brutus uses to win his argument against Cassius.