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Literature and Composition III  
*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*  
Discussion Questions Act I

1. Explain the behavior of Marullus and Flavius in Act I, Scene i. Why do they react so harshly toward the commoners?
2. What do we learn about Caesar's wife in Scene ii? Why might this later become very important?
3. How is Brutus behaving in Scene ii? How does Cassius use Brutus's mood to his advantage?
4. What is the relevance of Cassius' speech on lines 100-118 (p.719)?
5. What does Caesar say to Antony in regard to Cassius? What literary element does this represent?
6. How does Caesar react when offered the "crown"? Does Casca believe Caesar's behavior is legit?

7. Explain the symbolic use of weather in Scene iii.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. When Casca interacts with Cicero, does Cicero bite on the bait Casca lays?  
How does Cicero respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Explain what Cassius states at (I, iii, 110-115).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. As Act I closes, what is Cassius's plan to trick Brutus? Why is it so important that the conspirators have the support of Brutus?