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

1. Explain Brutus's comparison of Caesar to a serpent's egg (II, I, 25-34). What is his revelation about the solution?

2. Why does Brutus refuse to make an oath with the other conspirators? Explain his thought process.

3. What happens with consideration to Cicero? Antony?

4. Explain the importance of the interaction between Portia and Brutus (II, I, 233-308).

5. What is Calpurnia's explanation for her unrest? How does Caesar respond to this?

6. What does Decius accomplish in Scene ii? Explain how he manages this.

7. What does Artemidorus hope to accomplish in Scene iii?

8. Explain Portia's purpose with Lucius in Scene iv. Do you believe she knows the conspirators' plan? Explain.
