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Julius Caesar
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Act II.i Study Guide

1. What day and time is it at the beginning of Act II?
2. Why does Brutus believe Caesar must die?
3. Brutus says, ““The abuse of greatness is when it disjoins remorse from power.” What is Brutus afraid Caesar might do?
4. Explain the meaning of the metaphor Brutus uses in lines 32-34.
5. What does the description of Brutus’ visitors in lines 73-76 suggest?
6. Read lines 61-69 and 77-85. What feelings does Brutus reveal in these two soliloquies? (Notice: he is on stage alone during these lines.)
7. In lines 114-140, what is the main point of Brutus’ argument to his fellow conspirators?
8. Who is Portia? Who is Cato? Why is it relevant to know Portia’s relation to Cato? (Hint: Lines 291-302)
9. Why does Brutus keep the plot to kill Caesar from his wife?
10. What does Caius tell Brutus in lines 332-335?

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Act II.ii and iii Study Guide

Act II.ii

1. How is the weather at the beginning of Act II.ii?
2. Beginning at line 13, what does Calpurnia reveal to Caesar about her fears?
3. What does Caesar mean when he speaks lines 32-37?
4. How does Caesar respond to Calpurnia's request to send a lie for his reason not to attend the Senate? What does his response confirm about his tragic flaw?
5. How does Decius restate why Caesar's blood spread over Rome should not be considered a bad omen?
6. Identify Caesar's irony in lines 126-127.

Act II.iii

1. What is the purpose of Artemidorus?

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Act II.iv Study Guide

Act II.iv (page 1131)

1. Where does the scene take place?
2. What does Portia mean when she states, "I have a man's mind, but a woman's might. / How hard it is for women to keep counsel!" (Lines 8-9)?
3. What does Portia request of Lucius in lines 13-16?
4. Why does the Soothsayer intend to grab Caesar's attention again? (Lines 32-28)
5. Why does Portia say, "Ay me, how weak a thing / The heart of a woman is!"?
6. What does Portia fear in lines 42-43?
7. What mood does the brief scene with the Soothsayer and Portia at the end of Act II.iv help create?