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Julius Caesar – Study Guide Questions- Act III, Scene 2

**Directions: After reading each act out loud in class, the following questions will be discussed/answered for homework.**

\*\*HINT: Most responses will require several sentences in order to be answered completely. *Be sure to rephrase the question in your answer!!*

1. What did Brutus say to the people at the funeral?

He said he loved Caesar, but he loved Rome more. He asked them if they would "rather Caesar were living and die all slaves then that Caesar were dead, to live all freemen." He asked for anyone he had offended to step forth. (No one did.) Brutus attempted to appeal to the crowd's reason, to show them that the assassination was the only logical way to do the best thing for the people.

2. What did Antony say to the people at the funeral in his now famous "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears" speech?

Antony called the conspirators "honorable men" and does not obviously attempt to degrade the crowd's new-found heroes. Instead, he begins pointing our examples of Caesar's behavior which clearly contradict the accusations made by the conspirators. He notes that Caesar shared the spoils of war, showed compassion for the common people, and denied acceptance of the crown three times. These were not deeds of an ambitious man, so Antony said. Throughout the speech, he masterfully manipulates the crowd's emotions until, at the end, they praise him and Caesar and are ready to riot.

3. Why did Brutus and Cassius flee Rome?

Their lives were in danger after Antony's remarks at the funeral.