*Study questions*

*Act I Scene 1*:

10.  What is the setting?  What holiday is being celebrated?

11.  Who are Marullus and Flavius?

12. Why do they want to drive the commoners from the street?

13.  What else do Marullus and Flavius do to further hinder the celebration of Caesar’s victory?

14.What conflict is established in scene i?

15.What is the significance to Flavius comparing Caesar to a bird?

*Scene 2:*

16. What does Cassius mean by the following statement? “ 'Brutus' will start a spirit as soon as 'Caesar.' “(147)

17. What astute observation does Caesar make of Cassius?

18. What faults does Caesar see in Cassius's nature?

19. How did the people react to Caesar's fit? What does this tell us about their feelings for Caesar?

20.  What does Caesar tell Antony to do to Calpurnia?

21.  Why might Caesar ask Antony in front of everyone else?

22.  What is a soothsayer?  Of what does he warn Caesar?

23.  What does *ides* mean?

24.  Does Marcus Brutus like Caesar?  What does Brutus think of Caesar’s rise to power?

25.  Brutus says, “For let the gods so speed me as I love / The name of honor more than I fear death.”  What do these lines imply about Brutus’s most important value in life?

26.  What story does Cassius tell Brutus?

27.  What is Cassius’s point in telling this story?

28.  What is Caesar’s opinion of Cassius?  Why does he feel this way?

29.  What handicap does Caesar reveal about himself when speaking to Antony?

30.  How many times was Caesar offered a coronet, or a small crown?

31.  What was Caesar’s reaction to the offering, according to Casca?

32.  What sickness does Caesar have?

33.  What happens to Marullus and Flavius?

34.  What does Cassius plan to do to convince Brutus to conspire against Caesar?

*Scene 3:*

35. What unusual events occur during the storm?

36.  What meaning does Cassius interpret from the storm?

37.  According to Casca, what are the senators planning to do to Caesar tomorrow?

What does Cassius mean by the following statement? “He were no lion, were not Romans hinds.”(106)

38.  Who is definitely part of the conspiracy?

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        3.                          6.

39. What instructions does Cassius give Cinna that will help sway Brutus to their cause?

40. What reason does Casca give for wanting Brutus to join their cause?