

## Julius Caesar

### Act III, Scene 1(860-865)

Vocabulary: suit(n), spurn(n), confounded(adj), mutiny(n), malice(n), oration(n), discourse(n), vile(adj)

1. How does Caesar respond to Artemidorus's plea to read the letter? What does Caesar's response suggest about his attitude?
2. Give an example of rumors about Caesar's assassination spreading in Rome.
3. While speaking of Metellus Cimber, Brutus says, "Press near and second him"(862). How are the conspirators trying to paint Caesar in this public setting?
4. Caesar describes Metellus Cimber's appeal as "base spaniel fawning." What does he mean?
5. How might Romans perceive this remark?\* Remember, Cimber is appealing for his brother to return to Rome from exile.
6. Caesar asks, "What, Brutus?" What is his real meaning?
7. Caesar says, "But I am as constant as the Northern Star"(863). What is his meaning at this point in the play?
8. What does Caesar ask just before dying?
9. Brutus says, "Ambition's debt is paid"(864). What does he mean?
10. Brutus says Caesar shall bleed in sport. What does he mean?