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*Julius Caesar* Act II and Act III(848-865)

Vocabulary(850-853): render(v), engagements(n), ceremonies(n), humor(n),  
augurers(n)-a priest, prophet or soothsayer

1. What is Brutus's excuse for his rude behavior lately?
2. Why does Portia not believe him?
3. What does Portia claim a right to know?
4. Of what kind of sickness does Portia accuse Brutus?
5. What request does Brutus make that shows a change in their relationship?
6. Identify one of Portia's arguments for Brutus to open his heart to her.
7. What promise does Brutus make to Portia?
8. What conclusion can be made about their relationship?\*

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9. What request of Calpurnia does Caesar refuse?
10. Identify one ceremony or omen that Calpurnia uses to persuade Caesar.
11. What did the augurers or soothsayers find after the sacrifice?
12. Identify two reasons why Caesar changes his mind about visiting the Senate.
13. How does Decius shame Caesar into changing his mind?

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14. While speaking of Metellus Cimber, Brutus says, "Press near and second him."  
How are the conspirators trying to paint Caesar in a public setting?
15. While Metellus appeals for his exiled brother, Caesar describes him as a  
"base spaniel fawning." How might fellow Romans perceive Caesar?\*
16. Caesar says, "Wilt thou lift Olympus?" What does he mean?
17. What does Caesar ask Antony just before dying?
18. Brutus says, "Ambition's debt is paid." What does he mean?