

— Cast of Characters —

JULIUS CAESAR Roman statesman
and army general

OCTAVIUS Roman statesman; later
called Augustus Caesar, first emperor of
Rome

MARK ANTONY Roman statesman,
general, friend of Caesar.

LEPIDUS Roman politician

**BRUTUS, CASSIUS, CASCA,
TREBONIUS, LIGARIUS, DECIUS,
METELLUS CIMBER, and CINNA**
Plotters against Caesar

CALPURNIA Caesar's wife

PORTIA Brutus's wife

CICERO and **POPILIUS** Senators

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FLAVIUS and **MARULLUS** Public
defenders

CATO, LUCILIUS, TITINIUS, and
MESSALA Supporters of Brutus

ARTEMIDORUS Teacher

PUBLIUS Old man

STRATO and **LUCIUS** Servants to
Brutus

PINDARUS Servant to Cassius

THE GHOST OF CAESAR

**A FORTUNE-TELLER, SENATORS,
CITIZENS, SOLDIERS, SERVANTS,
COMMONERS, and MESSENGERS**

Introduction

It is 44 B.C. in Rome. Julius Caesar is an army general. He has defeated a rich Roman noble named Pompey. It was a bloody battle. The people are celebrating Caesar's win as the play opens.

Some people who supported Pompey are afraid of Caesar. They think he is greedy for power. They think he wants to become king. This would mean the end of the great Roman Republic. To protect their power, they start to plot against Caesar.

ACT 1

— Scene 1 —

(A street in Rome. Flavius, Marullus, and certain commoners enter.)

FLAVIUS: Go home, you lazy men. Is this a holiday? Don't you know you can't walk around here doing nothing? You need a sign that tells your trade. Tell me, what is your job?

COMMONER 1: I am a carpenter, sir.

MARULLUS: Where are your tools? Why are you wearing your best clothes? And, you, what do you do?

COMMONER 2: I repair shoes, sir. I mend bad soles. If you are feeling bad, I can fix you.

MARULLUS: What do you mean by that?
Are you joking?

COMMONER 2: It's no joke, sir. I can
repair your shoes.

FLAVIUS: Why aren't you in your shop?
Why did you bring these men onto the
streets?

COMMONER 2: To wear out their shoes.
Then I'll get more work. Really, sir, we
came to join the party. Caesar has won
the battle.

MARULLUS: Why are you so happy?
What has he won? You have no common
sense! Don't you remember Pompey?
You often waited all day just to see him.
He was a great man. You shouted out with
joy when you saw him. And now you
celebrate his bloody death. Run home!
Fall on your knees! Pray that you will
not be punished.