

**Caesar: Act I**

**Dramatic Conventions:** Be able to define each term and apply each term to the play.

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scene \_\_\_\_\_

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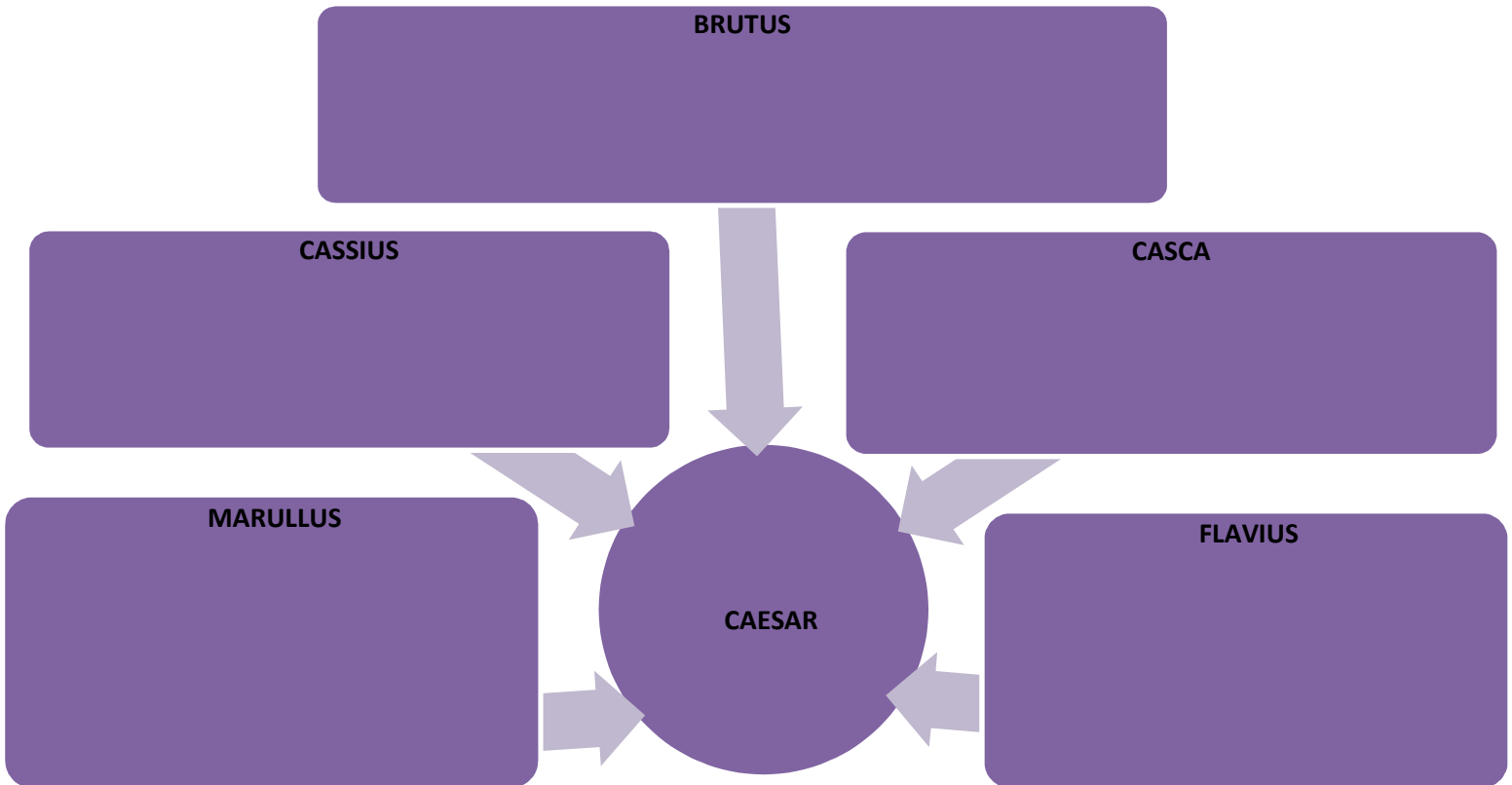
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**Enrichment Activity 1: Dramatic Conventions**

**DIRECTIONS: Who Is Caesar?**

In Act I, we learn many things about Caesar, and most of what we learn comes from what other characters say about him. As you read Act I, use the chart below to study how Caesar is portrayed by other characters. In each character's oval, record the scene and line numbers of a passage spoken by that character about Caesar. Below each oval, summarize (briefly give the main idea of) that character's opinion of Caesar. Then, answer the questions that follow.



## **Julius Caesar**

### **Act I. Guided Reading Questions**

#### **Scene 1:**

1. What is the setting (where & when)?
2. What holiday is being celebrated? Who are?
3. Why do Marullus and Flavius want to drive the commoners from the street?
4. What else do Marullus and Flavius do to further hinder the celebration of Caesar's victory?

#### **Scene 2:**

5. What does Caesar tell Antony to do to Calpurnia?
6. Why does Caesar ask Antony?
7. Of what does the soothsayer warn Caesar?
8. Does Marcus Brutus like Caesar?
9. What does Brutus think of Caesar's rise to power? Use lines from play to support your answer.
10. 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?
11. What story does Cassius tell Brutus?

12. What is Cassius's point in telling this story?

13. What is Caesar's opinion of Cassius? Why?

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

15. What was Caesar's reaction to the offering, according to Casca?

16. What sickness does Caesar have?

17. What happens to Murellus and Flavius?

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

Scene 3:

20. What unusual events occur during the storm?

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

23. Who is definitely part of the conspiracy?

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