

Caesar: Act IV

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

hyperbole _____

understatement _____

paradox _____

oxymoron _____

allusion _____

flashback _____

Enrichment Activity 4: Connect to the Play!

DIRECTIONS: By this point in the play, Caesar is dead, but the outcome has not been what Brutus hoped. Three of Caesar’s allies have taken power in his place. Suppose you were in a position to lead a country. Sharing power with you will be two other people. What qualities do you think would be important in your co-leaders? Think of three qualities that are important in leading and write these in the blanks below. Then explain why each quality is important in a leader.

QUALITY	EXPLANATION
1.	
2.	
3.	

Julius Caesar

Act IV. Guided Reading Questions

Scene 1:

1. Who are the members of the second triumvirate?
2. What kind of list are the three making at the beginning of the scene?
3. What does Antony say they will do to Caesar's will?
4. What is Antony's opinion of Lepidus?
5. What reason does Antony give letting Lepidus help in choosing who shall die?

Scene 2:

6. Why does Brutus suggest that he and Cassius talk inside the tent?

Scene 3:

7. Why is Cassius mad at Brutus?
8. What does Brutus accuse Cassius of?
9. For what has Brutus asked Cassius that he did not receive?

10. What does Brutus refuse to do as a means to raise money for his army?

11. How does Portia die?

12. Explain the disagreement that Brutus and Cassius have about the battle strategy?

13. Who wins the argument?

14. What unexpected visitor does Brutus see when everyone else is asleep?

Understanding Dialogue: In a play, we learn about characters through what they say and do and through what others say about them.

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the chart below to record what each line from the play means and why it is important in a complete sentence.

SPEAKER & LINE(s)	DIALOGUE	TRANSLATION
1. Antony Scene 1, line 6	“He shall not live, look, with a spot I damn him.”	
2. Brutus Scene 2, lines 19-20	“Thou has described A hot friend cooling.”	
3. Brutus Scene 3, lines 304-306	“Go and commend me to my brother Cassius; Bid him set on his pow’rs betimes before, And we will follow.”	

IMPORTANCE OF STATEMENT #1 IN CONTEXT

IMPORTANCE OF STATEMENT #2 IN CONTEXT

IMPORTANCE OF STATEMENT #3 IN CONTEXT
