

Julius Caesar Characters

+Julius Caesar (*Caesar*)

the title character. When the play starts, he is the only man capable of giving orders and ensuring they are carried out. Caesar fails to understand the many signs indicating a plot against him and is killed by a conspiracy led by Cassius and Brutus. His ghost haunts the remainder of the play, and his name is invoked by both Cassius and Brutus before they commit suicide in the final act.

+Mark Antony (*Antony*)

a ruler of Rome after Caesar's death. Antony is Caesar's friend from the beginning and he gives a rousing speech to the masses which causes riots in Rome. Brutus and Cassius are chased out of the city in the ensuing chaos, and Antony forms the second triumvirate with Octavius and Lepidus.

Octavius Caesar

a ruler of Rome after Caesar's death. Octavius is a young general who joins the second triumvirate. He and Antony fight against Brutus and Cassius; he historically becomes the future emperor of Rome.

MEN OPPOSED TO CAESAR

+Marcus Brutus (*Brutus*)

a noble Roman opposed to Caesar. He is an idealist who upholds honor above everything else. Brutus only agrees to kill Caesar after becoming convinced that it is necessary for the Roman Republic. He dies on the battlefield by impaling himself on his own sword.

+Caius Cassius (*Cassius*)

a man opposed to Caesar. He assembles the conspirators and is the man who convinces Brutus to kill Caesar. He commits suicide at the battle of Philippi after falsely thinking his army has been defeated.

Casca

Trebonius

Metellus Cimber

Cinna

Caius Ligarius

Decius Brutus

a man opposed to Caesar. He purposely misinterprets Calpurnia's dream in order to convince Caesar to go to the Senate House on the Ides of March.

OTHER SENATORS

Cicero

Publius

Popillius Laena

WIVES

Calpurnia

the wife of Caesar. She has a dream in which she sees a statue of Caesar bleeding from multiple wounds, and begs him to stay at home the day he is killed. Caesar ignores her and goes to the Senate House anyway.

Portia

the wife of Marcus Brutus. She proves her courage and strength by stabbing her thigh with a dagger in order to force Brutus to tell her about the plot to kill Caesar. She kills herself by swallowing hot coals from the fire after Mark Antony and Octavius assume power in Rome.

Lepidus

a ruler of Rome after Caesar's death.

A Soothsayer

a man who tells Caesar to beware the ides of March (March 15) but who is ignored.

Artemidorus

a man who tries to give Caesar a letter in which he describes the plot against him. Caesar ignores his letter.

OFFICERS IN CASSIUS' ARMY

Titinius

an officer in Cassius' army. He kills himself when he finds Cassius dead on the battlefield.

Pindarus - the bondsman to Cassius.

OFFICERS IN BRUTUS' ARMY

Lucillius

Messala

Varrus

Claudio

Young Cato

Strato

Volumnius

Dardanius

Clitus

Lucius - a servant to Brutus.

+ Main Characters