

JC Summary

Act 1

- 2 people criticize the celebrations for Caesar b/c they are upset he killed Pompey, a fellow Roman → to revolt they take down any crowns or trophies left by his statues
- During the ceremonial run, Caesar asks his trusted friend Antony to touch his wife (b/c superstition says the ceremonial runner can cure infertility → Caesar wants kids)
- Soothsayer (fortuneteller) tells Caesar: “Beware the Ides of March”
- Cassius speaks poorly of Caesar to Brutus in an attempt to turn him against his friend. He points out that he is being treated as a God, although he is a flawed human.

Act 1 continued

- Antony offered Caesar the crown three times, but he kept refusing
- Cassius forges letters from citizens to Brutus saying that the people fear that Caesar is too powerful
- A group of conspirators (Cassius, Cinna, Casca, and more) meet at Brutus' house and conspire to take down Caesar (his power is a threat to Roman democracy)
- Brutus takes some persuading
- Cassius wants to kill Antony too, but Brutus says that is unnecessary

Act 2

- Brutus' wife, Portia, asks Brutus what is wrong. After standing up for herself and their relationship, Brutus agrees to be honest with her. He plans to fill her in on his plan later.
- For juxtaposition, the next scene follows Caesar's interactions with his wife Calpurnia. Their relationship is clearly not as loving and honest.
- Calpurnia asks Caesar not to go to work because she is scared of the soothsayer's prediction, a nightmare she has that his fountain is spilling blood, and other bad omens around town.
- Decius tells Caesar if he comes to work, they will probably give him the crown, so Caesar doesn't take Calpurnia's advice and goes to work anyways.
- People try to stop Caesar on way to senate, but he is stubborn and ignores people.

Act 3

- Caesar is assassinated
- Funeral Speeches from Brutus and Antony
- Town Riot

Act 4

Act 5