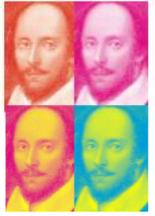


Julius Caesar Act I Pre-Reading Characterization Worksheet

Character	Quotations from the play:	What the character is like:
Julius Caesar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We make holiday to see Caesar and to rejoice in his triumph.” (Cobbler, 1.1) • “These growing feathers plucked from Caesar’s wing/Will make him fly an ordinary pitch,/Who else would soar above the view of men/And keep us all in servile fearfulness.” (Flavius, 1.1) • “When Caesar says ‘Do this,’ it is performed.” (Antony, 1.2) • “I do fear the people/Choose Caesar for their king.” (Brutus, 1.2) • “Caesar cried ‘Help me, Cassius, or I sink!’” (Cassius, 1.2) • “this man/ Is now become a god,” (Cassius, 1.2) • “He had a fever when he was in Spain,/And when the fit was on him, I did mark/How he did shake.” (Cassius, 1.2) • “It doth amaze me/A man of such a feeble temper should/So get the start of the majestic world” (Cassius 1.2) • “He doth bestride the...world/ Like a Colossus, and we.../Walk under his huge legs.../To find ourselves dishonorable graves.” (Cassius, 1.2) • “there was a crown offered him,” (Casca, 1.2) • “he hath the falling sickness.” (Brutus, 1.2) • “a man.../That thunders, lightens, opens graves, and roars” (Cassius, 1.3) 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “So vile a thing as Caesar!” (Cassius, 1.3) 	
Brutus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I am not gamesome.” (Brutus, 1.2) • “Vexèd I am/Of late with passions of some difference,” (Brutus, 1.2) • “poor Brutus, with himself at war,/Forgets the shows of love to other men.” (Brutus, 1.2) • “I love/ The name of honor more than I fear death.” (Brutus, 1.2) • “I know that virtue to be in you, Brutus,” (Cassius, 1.2) • “‘Brutus’ will start a spirit as soon as ‘Caesar.’” (Cassius, 1.2) • “Brutus had rather be a villager/ Than to repute himself a son of Rome/ Under these hard conditions as this time” (Brutus, 1.2) • “Brutus, thou art noble.” (Cassius, 1.2) 	

Directions: Read the quotations about the characters listed below. The quotations will either be said about the character or by the character. From the quotations, write a description of the character in your own words (good and bad opinions of the characters are listed below). What can you tell about the person speaking about Caesar and Brutus? Describe these people as well.