

Julius Caesar Act III, Scene II

Question 4

Antony: This was the most ----- his mighty heart.

1. Which was the unkindest cut of all? Who have already stabbed Caesar? Where? When?

The wound which Brutus gave to Julius Caesar, was the unkindest cut of all. Casca and other conspirators had already stabbed Julius Caesar in the Capitol earlier that day.

2. Why was it referred to as 'the unkindest cut of all'? What was the reaction in Caesar's body to this cut? What does it show about Caesar's relationship with the person who gave him this cut?

It was 'unkindest cut of all' because Brutus was a dear friend of Caesar.

When Brutus stabbed Julius Caesar, he was heartbroken by the betrayal and accepted his death. He was shocked. ~~The~~ Julius Caesar before dying ~~but~~ exclaimed "Et tu, Brute?", which shows us that Julius Caesar loved and trusted Brutus.

3. Where did Caesar fall? What was ironical about his fall?

Caesar fell at the base of Pompey's statue, which was ironical as Pompey was his rival and Julius Caesar had killed Pompey but now when he is facing his own death, he is lying at the base of Pompey's statue. He has also met the same fate.

4. What is spoken about the vesture of Caesar by Antony in his speech? What was so special about it? What was its significance in the history?

Antony shows that Julius Caesar's clothes were all stained with blood and how the dagger was pierced ~~with~~ through his clothes. Julius Caesar

fell at the foot of the Pompey with his face covered with his cloak. It was the same robe (cloak) that Caesar wore when he conquered the Nervi, Belgians Tribes.

5. How did the mob react? What did Antony achieve through his speech? How far was he successful?

The mob was enraged with mutiny and revenge. The mob was furious at the conspirators and was ready to burn their houses and kill them too. Antony was successful in his mission. He smartly turned the mob against the conspirators and did through his good oratory. He successfully takes revenge of Julius Caesar's assassination.

Question 5

Antony: Good Friends, sweet friends ---- deed are honourable.

1. How does Antony go on to compare himself with Brutus? How does Antony try to project himself to be simple and out right to the mob? Why does he do so? Does he really mean it when he says 'let me not stir you up'?

Antony says he is no good orator ^{like} Brutus. He says that he is a plain, blunt man who loved Caesar dearly. This makes Antony to project himself to be a simple, ~~honest~~ and outright to the mob. He does this to gain confidence and faith of the mob so that he could furnish the conspirators by turning the Roman mob against them. Antony is furious that the senators murdered Caesar, a man he dearly loved and he has ~~deliberately~~ and cleverly stirred the crowd up against the conspirators with his speech.

2. What does Antony show the people that incites them still further to mutiny and rage? What does it contain?

Antony shows them Caesar's will, left by him for the Roman Citizens. It contained requests of money and land to each Roman Citizen. He left all his private roads, his groves of trees and newly planted orchards on this side of river Tiber to the citizens of Rome. He ^{also} gave one-seventy five drachmas to each Roman Citizen. This incited the mob to take revenge of Caesar's assassination.

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3. What do the mob decide to do at the end of the scene?

The mob decided that they will take revenge of Caesar's Death and will burn the houses of the conspirators. The mob violently revolted.

4. Who enters after the mob disperses? What information does the person bring?

A servant enters and tells Antony that Octavius has come and has gone to Caesar's house with Lepidus.

5. What shortcomings does Antony have as an orator according to himself? What would have happened had Antony and Brutus changed their places?

Antony claims that he lacks quick wit, have no command over vocabulary, no personal merits, nor the gestures of an orator, nor expression, nor power of speech to arouse man's passion.

Antony also says if he were Brutus and Brutus Antony then that Antony would stir up your spirits and give every wound of Caesar a fluent tongue that would make the very stones of the road in Rome to rise up in rebellion Brutus would have stirred up the mob into a rage with his oratory.