

**Julius Caesar**  
Characters

**Julius Caesar** – a great Roman general and senator, recently returned to Rome in triumph after a successful military campaign

**Senators**

**Cicero** – renowned for his oratorical skill; he speaks at Caesar's triumphal parade

**Publius** – Metellus Cimber's brother who is banished from Rome

**Popilius Lena** – holds a minor role as Senator in the play

**Conspirators against Julius Caesar**

**Marcus Brutus** – a supporter of the republic who believes strongly in a government guided by the votes of senators. He loves Caesar as a friend but strongly opposes the ascension of any single man to the position of dictator. He fears Caesar aspires to such power

**Cassius** – a talented general and longtime acquaintance of Caesar; he dislikes the fact that Caesar has become godlike in the eyes of Romans

**Casca** – a public figure opposed to Caesar's rise to power

**Trebonius** – he attends the meeting at Brutus' house; he tries to distract Caesar from reading Artemidorus' letter/petition

**Ligarius** – he spoke well of Pompey and was mistreated by Caesar for doing so

**Decius Brutus** – he convinces Caesar that Calpurnia (Caesar's wife) has misinterpreted her dire nightmares

**Metellus Cimber** – he begs Caesar to repeal his brother's banishment from Rome

**Cinna** – he leaves one of the anonymous letters for Brutus; he is one of the more enthusiastic conspirators

**Flavius and Marullus** – tribunes of the people (a tribune is an officer of ancient Rome elected by the Plebeians to protect their rights)

**Artemidorus of Cnidos** – Learns of the conspiracy but is unsuccessful in warning Caesar

**Soothsayer** – one who foretells events, a seer

**Friends to Brutus and Cassius**

Lucilius – an officer in Brutus' army

Titinius – an officer in Cassius' army

Messala – messenger in Brutus' army

Young Cato – a soldier in Brutus' army and Portia's brother

Volumnius – an officer in Brutus' army; they are old school friends

**Servants to Brutus**

Varro, Clitus, Claudius, Strato, Lucius, and Dardanius

**Servant to Cassius**

Pindarus

**Calpurnia** – wife of Caesar; believes deeply in omens

**Portia** – wife of Brutus

**The Ghost of Caesar**

**Cinna** – a poet (he has the unfortunate distinction of sharing a name with Cinna the conspirator)

**Triumvirs after the Death of Caesar** (a triumvir is one of the three men sharing civil authority in ancient Rome)

**Octavius Caesar** – Caesar's adopted son and appointed successor

**Marcus Antonious (Antony)** – a friend of Caesar

**M. Aemilius Lepidus** – the third member of Octavius and Antony's coalition