

ACT V RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Directions: Answer each question using a complete sentence. Make sure to answer **all** parts of the question!

1. Explain the disagreement in Act V, Scene 1, between Octavius and Antony.
2. What happens during the parley among the four leaders before the battle?
3. In Scene 3, what does Cassius think has happened to Titinius? What has actually happened to him?
4. What significance does Cassius see in the fact that the battle of Philippi occurs on his birthday? Describe his death.
5. How does the course of the battle change later in the day? Why does Lucilius impersonate Brutus in Scene 4?
6. What reasons does Brutus give in Scene 5 for killing himself, and how does he do it? What does he say as he dies?
7. Describe the reactions of Antony and Octavius to Brutus's death. What does Antony say about Brutus?
8. What is being decided at the battle of Philippi? Does Shakespeare portray one side as more deserving of victory than the other? Explain.
9. What is the meaning of the words that Brutus addresses to Caesar as he kills himself? What do these words indicate about Brutus's attitude toward Caesar and his assassination? What do these words indicate about Brutus's attitude toward his own life?
10. What does Antony mean in his final comments about Brutus? Do you agree with Antony's description of Brutus? Why or why not? What is your final impression of Antony?
11. Octavius says that the triumvirs will "part the glories of this happy day." In light of the future conflict between Antony and Octavius, why might this line be ironic?