

Caesar's Notes

Teacher Slides

Act 1, scene 1 Questions

"I should know these if I read it!"
(Use the text artist)

- Flavius notices what about the commoners?
- Marullus asks why they are best apparel) (hint: _____)
- After the cobbler tells Flavius and Marullus the reason for celebrating, (Caesar defeating Pompey),
- Marullus responds by _____
- Flavius tells Marullus to do something to Caesar's statues. What is it?
- The metaphor Flavius makes of "plucking Caesar's feathers" means what?

Pompey vs. Caesar (Before Act 1 begins)



- Fans of Pompey hate Caesar
- Patricians, Upper Class, Noblemen
- As the play opens, Caesar is returning from defeating Pompey's sons (he killed them)
- Fans of Caesar hate Pompey
- Commoners or "the Vulgar"
- This conflict is established in Act 1, scene 1

1. What is the purpose of this scene?
2. What does this scene reveal about the atmosphere and political situation in Rome?
3. The Roman crowd will appear several times throughout the play. What is your impression of them in this scene?

Act 1, scene 1 The Cobbler's Jokes



- The cobbler makes a joke about being a clumsy worker (that is why they don't "get" that he's actually a cobbler)
- The cobbler is a jokester. He is trying to make his friends around him laugh.
- This is why he will not answer Marullus directly.
- This is another reason the Cobbler jokes about the tool and one of the reasons the two tribunes refer to commoners as "vulgar"
- He is making a dirty joke about his "awl" and he continues the soul/sode pun
- The Feast of Lupercal is most closely associated with Mars' Gras. (A celebration of the flesh/fertility)

Act 1, scene 2

- <https://www.schooltube.com/video/13390dc3c69602aa9601/Julius-Caesar-Mean-Girls>