

Instructions:

1. As the slides describing each character come up, continue taking notes on the information in **GREEN** in your notebook. Head this section “Characters.”
2. Then, place the character names on the appropriate lines on your handout.

Julius Caesar

He is the **head of the Roman state**. He is a **great soldier**, and has **just returned from a series of wars** during which he **defeated the sons of the previous Roman ruler, Pompey**.

He is **popular with the crowds** that stand in the streets to greet his triumphal return, cheering and clapping. **Calpurnia** is Caesar's wife. **Octavius** is his adopted son.



Mark Antony

He is a **loyal friend and supporter of Caesar**, who he believes will make a good ruler of Rome.



Brutus

He is a respected Roman, a man of intelligence and honor, who is a personal friend of Caesar, yet wonders whether, as a ruler, if Caesar will overstep his powers and become a tyrant rather than a good head of state. **Portia** is Brutus' wife.



Cassius

Cassius is one of the leaders of the conspiracy. He is suspicious of Caesar from the beginning, gathers others into the band, and tries to convince Brutus to join them.



Octavius and Lepidus eventually join with Mark Antony and rule Rome as a triumvirate.



Casca, Trebonious,
Decius, Cinna
and Metellus
Cimber are the
other members of
the conspiracy.

