

The Conspiracy Builds

Directions: Read act 1, scene 3, of *Julius Caesar*, and answer the following questions.

1. Why is Casca frightened at the beginning of the scene?
2. Why does he refer to “portentous things”?
3. How would you paraphrase Cicero’s four-line response?
4. How does Cassius respond to Casca’s fears?
5. How does Cassius win Casca over to his plan?
6. The conspirators in this scene are already committed. Whom else do they need? Why?
7. How would you paraphrase Casca’s last comments about Brutus?