

Resource D: **GUESS WHO?**

CAESAR

A great Roman general and senator, returned to Rome in triumph after a successful war. Some worry that he may want dictatorship over the Roman republic, but he refuses the crown several times. He has many faults: he can't separate public life from private life and can be vain. He ignores bad omens and thinking he's as immortal as the North Star.

**“Caesar shall forth. The things that threatened me
Ne'er looked but on my back. When they shall see
The face of Caesar, they are vanished.”**

ANTONY

A senator and soldier who is loyal to Caesar. A manipulative man, he support Brutus and the conspirators after Caesar's death to save his own life. But later, at Caesar's funeral, he brilliantly persuades the crowd to turn against Brutus and the conspirators.

**“I am no orator, as Brutus is,
But, as you know me all, a plain blunt man
That love my friend”**

CALPURNIA

Caesar's wife believes deeply in omens and signs. After having terrible nightmares and reports of bad omens, she warns Caesar against going to the senate on the Ides of March. When Caesar ignores her advice, she begs him and is still not listened to.

**“Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies,
Yet now they fright me.”**

BRUTUS

A senator and republican, who loves Caesar as a friend but is worried he is becoming too popular and might seize power for himself. He is manipulated by his friend, Cassius, to lead a plot to kill Caesar and preserve the republic. While the other conspirators act out of envy and rivalry, Brutus truly believes that Caesar's death will help Rome. Torn between his loyalty to Caesar and his duty to the state, Brutus becomes the tragic hero of the play.

“I love The name of honour more than I fear death.”

CASSIUS

A manipulative and talented general, Cassius thinks Caesar has become godlike to the Romans. He persuades Brutus into thinking Caesar must die, sending him forged

letters claiming that the Roman people support this. Impulsive and devious, Cassius knows how the political world works. He is a clever opportunist but doesn't have the honour of Brutus.

**“O, coward that I am to live so long
To see my best friend ta'en before my face!”**

PORTIA

Loyal, loving and trustworthy wife of Brutus. The daughter of a noble Roman who took sides against Caesar. She is used to talking openly in her marriage and is upset to find Brutus keeping secrets from her. Worried for him, she tries everything to make him share his troubles. She later takes her own life out of grief when Brutus loses.

**“O constancy, be strong upon my side;
Set a huge mountain 'tween my heart and tongue.
I have a man's mind but a woman's might.”**