

Resource F: **Trusted friends?**

1. Cassius and Brutus have been close friends in the past but have not spoken for a long time. Cassius wants Brutus to help him overthrow Caesar and cleverly manipulates him into thinking about joining his conspiracy.

CASSIUS: **You bear too stubborn and too strange a hand
Over your friend that loves you.**

BRUTUS: **Let not therefore my good friends be grieved
Among which number, Cassius, be you one**

2. Cassius puts his trust in Brutus, letting him lead in the conspiracy, He knows the public are more likely to support Brutus because his family are popular.

CASSIUS: **Let Antony and Caesar fall together.**

BRUTUS: **Our course will seem too bloody, Caius Cassius,
To cut the head off and then hack the limbs**

3. After the murder of Caesar, Brutus and Cassius flee the Capitol and Brutus feels that Cassius 'friendship is cooling towards him.

BRUTUS: **When love begins to sicken and decay
It useth an enforced ceremony.**

CASSIUS: **Strike as thou didst at Caesar, for I know
When thou didst hate him worst, thou lovedst him better
Than ever thou lovedst Cassius.**

4. The two men fight while preparing to go into battle against Antony and Octavius. Brutus backs down from the row and Cassius regrets arguing with his close friend.

BRUTUS: **O Cassius, you are yokèd with a lamb
That carries anger as the flint bears fire.**

CASSIUS: **O my dear brother, This was an ill beginning of the night.
Never come such division 'tween our souls! Let it not, Brutus.**

5. When they face death and defeat, both Brutus and Cassius speak well of each other. Cassius does not talk to Brutus about the omens he has seen but talks about victory instead.

CASSIUS: **Now, most noble Brutus, The gods today stand friendly that we may,
Lovers in peace, lead on our days to age.**

BRUTUS: Forever and forever farewell, Cassius.
If we do meet again, why we shall smile;
If not, why then this parting was well made.