

## **Act 2: Husbands and Wives, Caesar's Ego, and Final Warnings**

Directions: Respond in complete, well-crafted sentences. Use text support/specific details

1. Why is Portia worried about Brutus? Provide two pieces of text support for your response.
2. What does Portia mean when she states: "I grant I am a woman, but withal a woman well-reputed, Cato's daughter. Think you I am no stronger than my sex, being so fathered and so husbanded?"
3. What does this interaction between Brutus and Portia show about their relationship? Support your response with specific details.
4. What words and actions does Calphurnia use to try to sway Caesar to do as she pleases? Must use text support here!
5. What does Caesar's initial response to his wife's request (lines 60-64) and his final response (lines 105-107) convey about their marital relationship?
6. Caesar shows excessive pride, or hubris, in this scene. Select 2-3 pieces of text evidence to support this:
7. What tragic flaw of Caesar's is Decius able to capitalize on, or, take advantage of? Support your response with text evidence.
8. What final warning will Caesar receive according to Act 2.3?
9. What does Portia mean when she states: "I have a man's mind but a woman's might. How hard it is for women to keep counsel!"
10. What does this convey about attitudes about women during the time of the play and/or the time that the play was written?