**Act 2. Scene 1 -** Brutus, Brutus, Brutus….

1. What does Brutus mean when he tells himself “It must be his death, and for my part I know no personal cause to spurn at him but for the general” (lines 10-13)?

2. In the same soliloquy, Brutus states “And therefore think of him as a serpent’s egg – Which, hatched, would as his kind grow mischievous – and kill him in the shell” (lines 32-34). What does he mean by this?

3. What does the above tell us about Brutus as a character and thinker?

4. How is Brutus feeling on this, the eve before the Ides of March? Support your response with two pieces of text evidence:

5. Why does Brutus reproach (verbally express disapproval) of the other conspirators when they show up at his house wearing cloaks and hats that conceal their faces?

6. What reason does Brutus give for not wanting to swear an oath with the other conspirators?

7. What does Brutus mean when he states “Let us be sacrificers, not butchers, Caius. We all stand up against the spirit of Caesar, and in the spirit of men there is no blood…Let’s kill him boldy but not wrathfully. Let us carve him as a dish fit for the gods, no hew him as a carcass fit for hounds” (lines 168-176).

8. AND, what do Brutus’s words above reveal to us about his character (who he is as a person) and his current state of mind?

9. What does Cassius what do to when it comes to Caesar’s loyal friend, Mark Antony? What reasons does he give for this position?

10. What does Brutus want to do when it comes to Mark Antony? What reasons does he give for this position?