

Preparing for Battle

Part A.

Directions: Use the following questions to understand the first two scenes of act 5.

1. In the opening dialogue between Octavius and Mark Antony, who seems to be prevailing as the more powerful leader?
2. Why do the four generals meet in a pre-battle parley? Is it successful?
3. How does Caesar enter the dialogue?
4. What two observations does Cassius share with Messala?
5. What thoughts preoccupy Brutus and Cassius in their closing conversation?
6. How do Brutus and Cassius part?
7. Quickly read act 5, scene 2. What is the effect of this short scene?