

<b>Act I</b>	<b>Have I heard this before?</b>	<b>Class Definition</b>	<b>Who/how does this relate to in the play?</b>
<b>1. Conspirator (n)</b>		Person who secretly plots to carry out an evil or illegal act	
<b>2. Soothsayer (n)</b>		Fortuneteller	
<b>3. Servile (adj)</b>		Submissive	
<b>4. Exalted (adj)</b>		Glorified, praised	
<b>5. Barren (adj)</b>		Unable to bear children; Lacking life	
<b>6. Countenance (n)</b>		Face	
<b>7. Torrent (n)</b>		A swift, violent stream	
<b>8. Encompass (v)</b>		To include; to contain	
<b>9. Aught (n)</b>		Anything	
<b>10. Infirmary (n)</b>		A weakness; disability	
<b>11. Blunt (adj)</b>		Abrupt; frank; outspoken (can also mean: dull, slow to understand)	
<b>12. Portentous (adj)</b>		Ominous; warning of things to come	



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Julius Caesar**  
**Act I**  
**Vocabulary / Context Clues**

Using context clues, try to guess the definition of the bolded word.

1. Joe and Harry were **conspirators** in the robbery. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The old woman was respected as a **soothsayer**, and all the villagers relied on her predictions.  
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3. Stanley's **servile** manner is annoying; I would rather see him stand up for himself!  
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4. After winning the world championship, the **exalted** athletes were given new cars and hundreds of new sponsorships. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The woman thought she was **barren**, but then she happily discovered that she was going to have a baby! \_\_\_\_\_
6. Russ was relieved to see his father's smiling **countenance** bending over him as he awoke from the operation. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The water came down the mountainside in a rushing **torrent**.  
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8. Okaloosa County **encompasses** many small cities. \_\_\_\_\_
9. When he was confused by the question and determined that the answer could literally be anything, he said, "The answer could be **aught**." \_\_\_\_\_
10. Because of my grandmother's **infirmity**, someone has to accompany her when she leaves the house.  
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11. Sometimes it is kinder to be **blunt** with a **blunt** person than to hide the truth to protect his/her feelings. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The **portentous** swelling of the background music signaled to the audience that another murder would soon occur. \_\_\_\_\_