

Julius Caesar Quote Homework

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Quote:

5 points

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!

O You hard hearts, you cruel men of Rome,

Knew you not Pompey?"

Remember your quotation marks!

Act, Scene, Line Number. This MUST be written in this format: I.ii.36-42:

5 points

I.i.34-37

Remember the periods!

Translate the quote/What does the quote mean?

15 points

Marullus is yelling at the carpenter and the cobbler by calling them names. He refers to them as "worse than senseless things" implying that the plebeians, or common people, are low on the social ladder. He is upset that they have suddenly forgotten about Pompey and are now worshiping Caesar as a god. Marullus believes the plebeians to be fickle.

Notice the detail.

What is the significance of the quote?:

15 points

The significance of the quote is that it tells the reader of the social classes presented in the play. We also learn that the people of Rome are fickle meaning they are easily swayed.

Why is this quote a big deal?

Who said it?:

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points

Marullus.

Whom did they say it to?:

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points

Marullus said it to the carpenter and the cobbler.

What is going on the play at this point?:

5 points

This quote takes place at the beginning, or exposition, of the play. We are gaining information about the main characters and the conflicts. We learn the relationship between the plebeians, or common people, and Caesar and the attitude of soldiers toward the plebeians.

Notice that I include a detailed summary of the events currently taking place.

Literary Element - Bonus

In order to earn bonus points, you must connect your quotation to a literary element. You must state the literary element and explain it.

This quotation can be connected to the theme of fickleness among the Roman citizens. We learn early on that the plebeians constantly change their mind regarding who they admire as their leader. They praised Pompey during his reign and are now suddenly favoring Julius Caesar. Marullus and Flavius are ultimately criticizing the carpenter and the cobbler for their fickleness.