and Brutus how Antony offered the crown to Caesar three times and how each time Caesar declined it. He believes, however, that Caesar is the consummate actor, lulling the populace into believing that he has no personal ambition.

Calpurnia - Caesar's wife. Calpurnia invests great authority in omens and portents. She warns Caesar against going to the Senate on the Ides of March, since she has had terrible nightmares and heard reports of many bad omens. Nevertheless, Caesar's ambition ultimately causes him to disregard her advice.

Portia - Brutus's wife; the daughter of a noble Roman who took sides against Caesar. Portia, accustomed to being Brutus's confidante, is upset to find him so reluctant to speak his mind when she finds him troubled. Brutus later hears that Portia has killed herself out of grief that Antony and Octavius have become so powerful.

Flavius - A tribune (an official elected by the people to protect their rights). Flavius condemns the plebeians for their fickleness in cheering Caesar, when once they cheered for Caesar's enemy Pompey. Flavius is punished along with Murellus for removing the decorations from Caesar's statues during Caesar's triumphal parade.

Cicero - A Roman senator renowned for his oratorical skill. Cicero speaks at Caesar's triumphal parade. He later dies at the order of Antony, Octavius, and Lepidus.

Lepidus - The third member of Antony and Octavius's coalition. Though Antony has a low opinion of Lepidus, Octavius trusts his loyalty.

Murellus - Like Flavius, a tribune who condemns the plebeians for their fickleness in cheering Caesar, when once they cheered for Caesar's enemy Pompey. Murellus and Flavius are punished for removing the decorations from Caesar's statues during Caesar's triumphal parade.

Decius - A member of the conspiracy. Decius convinces Caesar that Calpurnia misinterpreted her dire nightmares and that, in fact, no danger awaits him at the Senate. Decius leads Caesar right into the hands of the conspirators.

Caesar

Octavius Caesar
Mark Antony   } Ruling 3 after
M. Aemilius Lepidus } death of
                       Julius Caesar

Cicero
Publius   } Senators
Opilius Lena

Marcus Brutus
Cassius
Casca
Trebonius   } Conspirators against
Caius Ligarius   Julius
Decius Brutus

Flavius   } Tribunes
Murellus

Artemidorus of } Teacher
Cnidos   } of Rhetoric

Soothsayer

Cinna – A poet
   Another poet

Lucilius
Titinius
Messala   } Friends to
Young Cato   } Brutus +
Volumnius   } Cassius
Flavius

Varrus
Clitus
Claudio   } Servants
Strato   } to
Lucius   } Brutus
Dardanius

Calphurnia – Wife to Caesar

Portia – Wife to Brutus

Senators, Guards, Citizens
   Attendants, etc.