

**LESSON NOTES****School: Ba Sangam College****Year/Level: 12****Name: _____****Subject: English****Worksheet 22****Year: _____**

Strand	Reading and Viewing
Sub Strand	Communication Text Types – media, everyday communication, literary texts
Content Learning Outcome	Read and demonstrate understanding of a variety of complex texts.

LITERATURE – DRAMA – JULIUS CAESAR – BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**Act V, Scene 111****Cassius Commits Suicide****Sequence of Events**

- The next scene finds Cassius standing on a hill with Titinius, watching the battle and lamenting its course. Though Brutus was correct in noting Octavius's weakness, he proved overeager in his attack, and the tide of battle has turned against him.
- Pindarus now runs up to Cassius with a report: Antony's troops have entered Cassius's camp. He advises Cassius to flee to some more distant spot. Cassius refuses to move but, catching sight of a group of burning tents, asks if those tents are his.
- Titinius confirms that they are. Cassius then notices a series of advancing troops in the distance; he gives Titinius his horse and instructs him to find out whose troops they are. Titinius obeys and rides off.
- Cassius asks Pindarus to ascend a nearby hill and monitor Titinius's progress. Pindarus calls down his reports: Titinius, riding hard, is soon surrounded by the unknown men; he dismounts the horse and the unknown men cheer.
- Distraught at this news of what he takes to be his best friend's capture, Cassius tells Pindarus to watch no more. Pindarus descends the hilltop, whereupon Cassius gives Pindarus his sword, covers his own eyes, and asks Pindarus to kill him. Pindarus complies.
- Dying, Cassius's last words are that Caesar has now been revenged by the very sword that killed him.
- Unexpectedly, Titinius now enters with Messala, observing that the battle rages on without sign of ending.

- The men then discover Cassius's body. Titinius realizes what has happened: when he rode out to the unknown troops, he discovered the troops to be Brutus'; the men's embrace of Titinius must have appeared to Pindarus a capture, and Cassius must have misperceived their joyful cheers of reunion as the bloodthirsty roars of the enemy's men.
- Messala departs to bring the tragic news to Brutus. Titinius mourns over Cassius's body, anguished that a man whom he greatly admires has died over such a mistake. Miserable, Titinius stabs himself and dies.
- Brutus now enters with Messala and his men. Finding the bodies, Brutus cries, "O Julius Caesar, thou art mighty yet": even in death, Caesar is reaping revenge; he seems to turn events against his murderers from beyond the grave (V.iii.93).
- Brutus orders that Cassius's body be taken away, and the men set off to struggle again with the armies of Antony and Octavius.

QUESTIONS

1. *Why does Cassius commit suicide?*

Act V, Scene 1V

The Defeat of Brutus

Sequence of Events

- This scene takes part in another part of the battlefield and it shows the valor of Brutus and the loyalty of his friends.
- Brutus prepares for another battle with the Romans. In the field, Lucilius pretends that he is Brutus, and the Romans capture him.
- Antony's men bring him before Antony, who recognizes Lucilius. Antony orders his men to go see if the real Brutus is alive or dead and to treat their prisoner well realizing the worth.

Questions

1. *What is the function of this brief scene?*
