

Antony and Cleopatra

Cleopatra held Mark Antony's attention until the death of his wife and the threat of civil war brings him back to Rome, where he marries Octavia, sister of Octavius, later Caesar. Antony returns to Egypt and Cleopatra, where Caesar makes war on him. When Cleopatra sails away from the battle, Antony follows, and Caesar wins at Actium; but loses an land, only to regain the upper hand when the Egyptians retreat. Cleopatra flees and feigns death, Anthony falls on his sword and is carried to her, and she takes her life by the bite of an asp. Caesar buries them together.

© Roderick Ramage 11.iii.2016