

## Julius Caesar

Mark Anthony wanted to crown Caesar king. Casius and others saw Caesar's popularity as a threat to Rome and sought Brutus' support. Brutus is a friend of Caesar and trusted by the populace, but is reluctantly convinced that Caesar's assassination is necessary for the greater good. He is one of the assassins, but persuades the others to spare Anthony. Brutus and Anthony both speak at Caesar's funeral. Anthony and Caesar's nephew Octavius take control of Rome by force, killing most of the conspirators. In the resulting civil war Cassius then Brutus fall on their swords. Anthony later laments Brutus' tragic death.