

# JULIUS CAESAR ACT 2 STUDY GUIDE

## ANSWERS

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**What is the main idea of Act 2 in Julius Caesar?** The core themes of Act 2 are the power of rhetoric and the public self vs. the private self. Throughout the act, the audience sees different sides of each of these themes, where Brutus is more private and a stronger man, while Caesar blurs the line between public and private selves and is a weaker man.

**What happens in Julius Caesar Act 2 Scene 1?** Act 2, scene 1 Brutus anxiously ponders joining the conspiracy against Caesar. When he is brought one of the unsigned letters that Cassius has had left for him to find, Brutus decides to act. Visited by the conspirators, he agrees to join them but rejects their plan to kill Mark Antony as well as Caesar.

**Why hasn't Brutus slept?** Brutus confesses that "Since Cassius first did whet me against Caesar, I have not slept." Why hasn't he slept? The planning of something dreadful is like a "hideous dream". Brutus had been so bothered inside by the thought of killing Caesar that he has had an internal insurrection and can't sleep.

**What are some questions about Act 2 Scene 1 of Julius Caesar?**

**What are the main points of Act 2?**

**What is the conflict in Act 2 of Julius Caesar?** Brutus's Conflicts His conflict arises because he must decide if murdering his friend for the sake of Rome is worth it. In Act 2 Scene 1, Brutus is walking in his orchard, agonizing over whether there is just cause to kill Caesar. 'For my part / I know no personal cause to spurn him.

**What is a metaphor in Act 2 Scene 1 of Julius Caesar?** In Act II, Scene 1, Brutus uses metaphorical language to tell a story about the nature of people who achieve success: "... 'Tis a common proof / That lowliness is young ambition's ladder, / Whereto the climber upward turns his face; / But when he once attains the upmost round, / He then unto the ladder turns his back, ...

**Why did Caesar faint in Act 1 Scene 2?** After Caesar turned 50, he occasionally had seizures, during which he fainted and had muscular convulsions. Four of his attacks were documented as they occurred during official functions. This may have been epilepsy, which is more common in older people.

**What happened in Scene 2 of Julius Caesar?** Act 1 Scene 2 The entourage then leaves to go to a ceremonial race, leaving Brutus, a trusted friend of Caesar's, and Cassius alone. Cassius begins to flatter Brutus, but Brutus is distracted by shouts he can hear coming from the race. He fears Caesar is being crowned king and accidentally voices this thought out loud.

**Did Brutus kiss Caesar?** At the Capitol, the conspirators beg Caesar to restore the citizenship of Publius Cimber, each conspirator kneeling by turn to make his plea; even Brutus kneels and kisses Caesar's hand. Then, one by one, the conspirators stab Caesar with Brutus delivering the final blow.

**Does Brutus stab himself?** Brutus preserves his noble bravery to the end: unlike the cowardly Cassius, who has his slave stab him while he, Cassius, covers his face, Brutus decides calmly on his death and impales himself on his own sword.

**What is Brutus deliberating about in Act 2 Scene 1?** In Act II, Scene i, we see him deliberating with himself about the possible rationales for killing Caesar, not so much delivering a speech as working out how he would justify the killing, testing and discarding possible arguments.

**Why is Act 2 Scene 4 important in Julius Caesar?** Act 2, scene 4 Portia, who has been told of the conspirators' plan to kill Caesar, waits anxiously for news of their success. She meets the Soothsayer, who still fears for Caesar and wants to warn him. Act 3, scene 1 In the street Caesar brushes aside Artemidorus's attempt to warn him of the conspiracy.

**What is the conflict in Act 1 Scene 2 of Julius Caesar?** Cassius has a plan to overthrow Caesar, and he begins his attempt to sway Brutus to his cause. Brutus admits that he is conflicted, torn between his love for Caesar and his support of the republic. He tells Cassius he will think about what he has said.

**What does Brutus say about conspiracy in Act 2 Scene 1?** Brutus, although he has decided to be one of the conspirators, knows that what they plan is wrong. "O Conspiracy, / Sham'st thou to show thy dang'rous brow by night, / When evils are most free?" (emphasis added). But being a man of his word, he is committed to the plan.

**What are the main points of Acts 2?** Acts 2 Summary It follows the apostles' preachings as they were filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of the Pentecost. After receiving the gift of tongues as they preached the gospel, God's influence went further than ever before. Three thousand souls were converted that day after hearing the apostles preach.

**Why is act 2 important?** That's the framework for a screenplay. So Act 2 of your screenplay is where the main conflict plays out and escalates (someone goes after something they want very badly, something tries to stop them). And, at the same time, it's where the experience causes a transformation in the protagonist.

**Why is act 2 Scene 2 important?** In the scene, Romeo repeatedly expresses that he is willing to put himself in harm's way for the chance to talk to Juliet. The idea that he would rather be killed by her family than live without her emphasizes the reckless abandon of the two lovers.

**What happens to Caesar in Act 2?** A conspirator, Decius Brutus, persuades him to go to the Senate with the other conspirators and his friend, Mark Antony. At the Senate, the conspirators stab Caesar to death. Antony uses a funeral oration to turn the citizens of Rome against them. Brutus and Cassius escape as Antony joins forces with Octavius Caesar.

**Who are the main characters in Act 2 of Julius Caesar?** The most important characters in Act 2 are Brutus, Portia, Calpurnia and Decius Brutus. Brutus is important since he has come to the realization that Caesar intends to accept the

crown.

**What is the significance of Act 2 Scene 2 of Julius Caesar?** Caesar replies that his will is reason enough. However, he privately admits that Calpurnia has asked him to stay home because of her dream of Caesar's statue spurting blood. Decius replies that this dream is actually fortunate—it signifies that Caesar's blood will revive Rome.

**What happened in Act 2 Scene 3 of the tragedy of Julius Caesar?** Summary: Act II, scene iii Artemidorus comes onstage, reading to himself a letter that he has written Caesar, warning him to be wary of Brutus, Casca, and the other conspirators. He stands along the route that Caesar will take to the Senate, prepared to hand the letter to him as he passes.

**How does Cassius persuade Brutus in Act 1 Scene 2?** Cassius reminds Brutus that Caesar is merely a mortal like them, with ordinary human weaknesses, and he says that he would rather die than see such a man become his master. He reminds Brutus of Brutus' noble ancestry and of the expectations of his fellow Romans that he will serve his country as his ancestors did.

**What is the allusion in Act 2 Scene 1 of Julius Caesar?** Act 2, scene 1 This is an allusion to Lucius Tarquinius Superbus, the last king of Rome, who reigned from 535–509 BC. Brutus's ancestor, Lucius Brutus, led a revolt that helped to expel the Tarquin from Rome.

**What is the purpose of Act 2 Scene 2?** At the start of this scene, Romeo hides beneath Juliet's balcony and overhears her talking about him. He eventually comes out and they talk to each other. They declare their love for each other and arrange to meet the next day when Romeo has promised to marry Juliet.

**What is the main idea of Brutus 2?** Brutus II. In this Anti-federalist paper, Brutus criticizes the Constitution because it doesn't contain a Bill of Rights that would guarantee certain rights and liberties to people.

**What is the purpose of Act 2 Scene 3 in Julius Caesar?** This scene allows you to see another opinion of Caesar. Artemidorus is a Roman who loves Caesar and sees the conspirators as traitors. From this man's viewpoint, the reader gets a hint of the greatness that was once Caesar. This scene also highlights the public nature of the

conspiracy.

**What is the main event in Act 2 Scene 1 of Julius Caesar?** Act 2 Scene 1 Brutus is in his orchard unable to sleep. In a soliloquy, he reveals he can see no way of stopping Caesar except 'by his death'. He reads a letter that Cassius and Cinna have planted.

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**What happens in Act 2 of a play?** That's the real question we're breaking down today—the structure of the middle act. Act Two contains plot events that constantly challenge your character's Internal Obstacle and force them to continually shift tactics—ultimately shoving them to the deep depths of failure so they're finally forced to change.

**What happens in Act 2 Scene 1 summary?** Act 2 Scene 1 Romeo climbs over the orchard wall into the Capulets' garden. Mercutio and Benvolio try to find him but soon give up when he doesn't answer saying 'Go, then; for 'tis in vain / To seek him here that means not to be found'.

**What did Brutus do in Act 2?** Act 2, scene 1 Brutus anxiously ponders joining the conspiracy against Caesar. When he is brought one of the unsigned letters that Cassius has had left for him to find, Brutus decides to act. Visited by the conspirators, he agrees to join them but rejects their plan to kill Mark Antony as well as Caesar.

**What does Brutus II argue?** Brutus II begins by recapping many of the same themes outlined in the Declaration of Independence. The author affirms that a free government is based on the will of the people who inherently maintain certain rights. He then proceeds to determine why the Constitution is dangerous to those rights.

**What was Brutus trying to explain?** Soon after Caesar's murder, Brutus makes this speech to the assembled Romans and tries to explain to them that he did not hate Caesar, but rather he loved Rome more and acted in the best interests of the people.

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**Why is Act 2 Scene 3 important?** Act 2, scene 3 Determined to marry Juliet, Romeo hurries to Friar Lawrence. The Friar agrees to marry them, expressing the hope that the marriage may end the feud between their families.

**Why is Act 2 Scene 4 important?** In Act 2, Scene 4 of Romeo and Juliet, there is a fair amount of joking around among Benvolio, Mercutio, and Romeo, but the most important things that happen are that we learn that Tybalt is aggressively challenging the Montagues to a fight and Romeo and the nurse set up a plan for Romeo and Juliet to get married.

**What happened in Scene 2 of Julius Caesar?** Brutus and Cassius escape as Antony joins forces with Octavius Caesar. Encamped with their armies, Brutus and Cassius quarrel, then agree to march on Antony and Octavius. In the battle which follows, Cassius, misled by erroneous reports of loss, persuades a slave to kill him; Brutus's army is defeated.

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# The Tenacity of Unreasonable Beliefs:

## Fundamentalism and the Fear of Truth

Fundamentalism, a rigid adherence to a set of beliefs, often religious in nature, is characterized by an unwavering belief in the absolute truth of these beliefs. It often leads to rejection of scientific evidence, critical thinking, and any information that challenges the core tenets of the belief system.

### Why Do Unreasonable Beliefs Persist?

Unreasonable beliefs can persist for several reasons:

- **Confirmation bias:** Individuals tend to seek out information that confirms their existing beliefs and disregard contradictory evidence.
- **Cognitive dissonance:** The discomfort experienced when holding two conflicting beliefs can motivate individuals to resolve the dissonance by discarding the conflicting information.
- **Social reinforcement:** Beliefs are often reinforced within social groups where individuals share similar perspectives and challenge dissenting views.

### Fundamentalism and the Fear of Truth

Fundamentalism is often associated with a fear of truth. When beliefs are deeply ingrained and tied to one's identity, challenging them can be perceived as a threat to one's sense of self. As a result, individuals may actively seek to avoid or discredit information that contradicts their beliefs.

### Overcoming the Tenacity of Unreasonable Beliefs

Overcoming the tenacity of unreasonable beliefs can be challenging but possible:

- **Critical thinking:** Encourage individuals to question their beliefs, examine evidence, and consider alternative perspectives.
- **Open dialogue:** Foster respectful and open dialogue where differing viewpoints can be discussed without fear of persecution.

- **Cognitive therapy:** Cognitive behavioral therapy can help individuals identify and challenge distorted thinking patterns that contribute to unreasonable beliefs.

## **Conclusion**

The tenacity of unreasonable beliefs is a complex phenomenon rooted in cognitive biases, social reinforcement, and fear of truth. Understanding these factors is crucial for promoting critical thinking and encouraging individuals to embrace evidence-based reasoning. By fostering open dialogue, encouraging critical thinking, and challenging unreasonable beliefs, we can create a more rational and informed society.

## **Thoughts and Meditations by Kahlil Gibran: Exploring the Depth of Human Existence**

Kahlil Gibran, a renowned Lebanese-American writer, poet, and artist, left an indelible mark on the world with his profound philosophical writings. His masterpiece, "Thoughts and Meditations," is a collection of insightful reflections that delve into the depths of human existence, addressing themes of love, freedom, spirituality, and the human condition.

### **1. Why are Gibran's writings so enduring?**

Gibran's ideas resonate with readers across time and cultures because they touch upon universal human experiences. His writings explore the complexities and contradictions of the human heart, providing a lens through which we can examine our thoughts, feelings, and relationships. The poetic language and metaphorical imagery he employs create a timeless and evocative experience.

### **2. What are some of the key themes in "Thoughts and Meditations"?**

Love is a central theme in Gibran's writings. He believed that love is a divine force that empowers, heals, and connects all beings. Other prominent themes include freedom, the importance of solitude, the nature of spirituality, and the search for meaning in life.

### **3. How do Gibran's reflections on love differ from traditional views?**



Gibran's concept of love is unconventional. He suggests that love should be a selfless act that allows for growth and fulfillment in both partners. He rejects the idea of possessive or dependent love and advocates for a love that is based on mutual respect and freedom.

#### **4. What is Gibran's perspective on solitude and introspection?**

Gibran believed that solitude is an essential ingredient for personal growth and spiritual development. He saw it as an opportunity to withdraw from the distractions of the world and delve into the depths of our own minds. Through introspection, we gain a deeper understanding of our thoughts, emotions, and motivations.

#### **5. How do Gibran's writings inspire us to live meaningful lives?**

Gibran's "Thoughts and Meditations" encourage us to question our beliefs, examine our values, and live with intention and purpose. They remind us of the importance of compassion, empathy, and the pursuit of knowledge. By reflecting on the wisdom contained in Gibran's writings, we can embark on a journey of personal transformation and create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling.

**Which Praxis test is the hardest?** This depends on the exam. Generally, the Praxis Core is the easiest, though it can still be quite challenging. Praxis Subject Assessments (or Praxis 2 exams) are typically more difficult, as they require more in-depth knowledge.

**What score do you need on the SLP Praxis to pass?** Certification and the Praxis Speech-Language Pathology Test The test is scored on a 100-200 point scale, and ASHA has determined the passing score to be 162. Some states also use this test to award professional licensure or teaching certification in speech-language pathology.

**Is the Praxis II exam hard?** How hard is the Praxis II? While these exams are used to test a beginning teacher's abilities and content knowledge, they are not easy. The Praxis Elementary Education 5001 has complicated questions for each subtest. These are things we learned long ago and may not recall.

**How long should I study for the Praxis SLP?** How Much Do You Need to Study for the SLP Praxis®? Most students spend 4-8 weeks of steady, consistent,

organized effort to prepare for the exam. However, studying for the exam should be an ongoing strategy throughout graduate school. Organize study and review materials as courses are completed.

**How common is failing Praxis?** What's the pass rate for Praxis exams? According to a report by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), the first-time pass rate for the Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects test is 46% across all subtests. Those odds are not great.

**How many times can you fail the Praxis?** There is no limit to how many times a candidate can retake the Praxis exam. Candidates can attempt the test as many times as they need to achieve their desired score, as long as they wait ETS's mandated 28 days between attempts. Candidates should make sure to make note of the testing windows for their required tests.

**What percent of people pass the SLP Praxis?** The SLP Praxis passing score is 162 on a 100-200 point scale. At Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS), we surveyed 53 speech-language pathologists in Pennsylvania. An impressive 92% passed the SLP board exam the first time they took it.

**What happens if you fail the SLP Praxis?** Applicants who fail the examination may retake it; however, if the exam is not successfully passed within the 2-year application period, the applicant's certification file will be closed.

**How many times can you take the speech pathology Praxis?** There is no limit to how many times you can take the Praxis exam to earn your ASHA certification. To verify state licensure requirements, please see the state-by-state information page.

**Is the Praxis SLP hard?** The test is DIFFICULT! There's not enough time to take the Speech Language Pathology Exam! "I didn't budget my time well and spent too much time on questions that I thought were in the last 2 minutes of the test, I still had over 40 questions left. . ."

**Why is the Praxis so hard?** While the Praxis Core is considered a basic skills test, it is not easy and many people are unsuccessful on the exam the first time they take it. One of the biggest reasons for this is the exam tests skills and content you may have not seen since you were in middle or high school.

**Is Praxis harder than SAT?** While the content between the exams is similar, the actual problem solving required is easier on the Praxis Core Math test, compared to SAT Math. For one thing, Praxis Core Math problems are much more likely to focus on basic math content knowledge rather than complicated problem-solving operations.

**How to pass the speech language pathology Praxis?**

**Is the SLP Praxis all multiple choice?** The SLP Praxis is a computer-based exam that consists of 132 selected-response (multiple-choice) questions.

**How many hours should I study for Praxis?**

**Is Praxis 1 or 2 harder?** Therefore, in general, the Praxis 2 is more difficult and advanced than the Praxis 1. Other differences between these exams come down to format.

**Is the Praxis core harder than the ACT?** Praxis Core Math Core Math questions are noticeably easier, on average, than ACT/SAT math questions. The more complicated types of algebra, geometry and statistics-related problems that appear on the ACT and SAT do appear on Praxis Core Math.

**Which state has the lowest Praxis scores?** The Praxis tests are used by most state education agencies to help determine the licensing of new educators. Praxis tests are not required in Florida and Texas. For the Praxis Core Mathematics exam, the passing score required is 150 for all states except for Washington, which requires 142.

**Is there a difference between Praxis and Praxis II?** The Praxis I (also called Core) is a basic skills test in reading, writing, and math. Most teacher preparation programs require future educators to take this assessment as part of the admissions process. The Praxis II assesses your knowledge in the specific subject area or grade level you'll teach.

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