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### Notes on "Coriolanus"

These are not the faceless mobs of Julius Caesar.

### Coriolanus, Textual Notes

A few years prior to the events in the story,

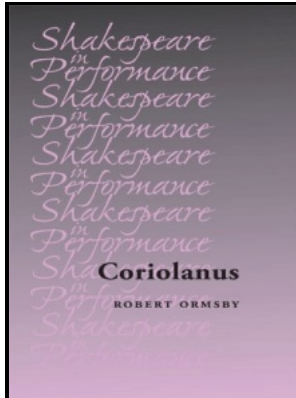
the last Roman king was overthrown by a group of Roman patricians including Coriolanus and the Roman Republic was established. A group of Senators has come in, and they now order Cominius who is the consul, or chief magistrate of Rome for the year and Titus Lartius another patrician to command the impending war--Martius will act as a lieutenant under Cominius. He earns the title 'Coriolanus'.

### Coriolanus: Characters

At that moment, a messenger dashes in, bringing word that the Volsces, one of Rome's enemies among the Italian tribes, are arming for war. Moreover, this political situation can be traced back to Martius; we learn that as a youth he had a hand in King Tarquin's overthrow.

### Coriolanus Act I, scene i Summary & Analysis

Shakespeare... As much as Coriolanus is a play about politics, it is also overtly a play about language. He is also an astute observer, a truth teller, a man devoted to principle.



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