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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which word best describes Julius Caesar?
 - Ⓐ powerful
 - Ⓑ selfless
 - Ⓒ funny
 - Ⓓ poor
2. What caused the conspirators to plot against Caesar?
 - Ⓐ They disliked the taxes Caesar imposed on the people.
 - Ⓑ They disagreed with Caesar imposing one religion on Rome.
 - Ⓒ They disliked that Caesar declared himself dictator for life.
 - Ⓓ They did not want Caesar to run for president in the next election.
3. Who is telling this story?
 - Ⓐ Brutus
 - Ⓑ Decimus
 - Ⓒ Caesar
 - Ⓓ a narrator
4. How are Caesar and Decimus similar?
 - Ⓐ They both want what's best for Rome.
 - Ⓑ They both want to be dictator for life.
 - Ⓒ They both want to be king.
 - Ⓓ They both want to be married to Calpurnia.
5. Julius Caesar was the **dictator** of Rome. What is a **dictator**?
 - Ⓐ a leader who is elected by the people
 - Ⓑ a leader who rules with total power
 - Ⓒ a leader who believes in nonviolence
 - Ⓓ a leader who shares his or her power with others

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6. What is Caesar's problem at the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ He has been voted out and is being forced to step down as dictator.
 - Ⓑ He has many enemies that are surrounding him at his house.
 - Ⓒ He has no way of getting to the Senate to meet Decimus.
 - Ⓓ He fears something bad is going to happen to him on the Ides of March.
7. Which of the following is not a fact about Julius Caesar?
 - Ⓐ He was a Roman dictator.
 - Ⓑ He was married to Calpurnia.
 - Ⓒ He was the best leader of Rome.
 - Ⓓ He was friends with Decimus.
8. If this story had been told from Caesar's point of view, which of the following quotes might have been used?
 - Ⓐ "What's this, wife? Have you had ill news?" Caesar asked.
 - Ⓑ "Decimus!" cried Caesar. "I did not expect you."
 - Ⓒ "They have not always been so respectful," Caesar murmured.
 - Ⓓ "If there is danger, let us face it," I said and smiled at Decimus.
9. What is the genre of this story?
 - Ⓐ historical nonfiction
 - Ⓑ historical fiction
 - Ⓒ historical mystery
 - Ⓓ historical myth
10. What is another word for **omen**?
 - Ⓐ sign
 - Ⓑ leader
 - Ⓒ member
 - Ⓓ book

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11. Extended Response: How would this story have been different if it had been told from Julius Caesar's point of view?

12. Extended Response: Why did the author include the historical information at the beginning and the end of this story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet**The Ides of March***Main Comprehension Skill: Character Point of View*

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Character Point of View*
4. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Character Point of View*
9. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include that the reader would not have known about the plot against Caesar's life or the betrayal of Decimus, and the story would have ended when Caesar died. Answers could state that the reader might also have been more emotionally attached to Caesar since a first-person point of view is more intimate and emotional.
12. Answers will vary but should include that the author wanted to give the reader facts about Julius Caesar's background before beginning the story and wanted to provide a conclusion by giving facts at the end of the story.