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

1. Which word best describes Brutus?
  - Ⓐ sneaky
  - Ⓑ loyal
  - Ⓒ entertaining
  - Ⓓ poor
2. Why did Caesar refuse to be King of Rome?
  - Ⓐ He did not want that much power.
  - Ⓑ He did not believe in kings.
  - Ⓒ He knew the time was not yet right.
  - Ⓓ He wanted Mark Antony to be king.
3. Who is telling this story?
  - Ⓐ Brutus
  - Ⓑ Decimus
  - Ⓒ Caesar
  - Ⓓ a narrator
4. Which of the following is a fact about Julius Caesar?
  - Ⓐ Caesar was the most beloved leader of Rome.
  - Ⓑ Caesar was the dictator of Rome.
  - Ⓒ Caesar ruled Rome for the longest period of time.
  - Ⓓ Caesar had no enemies and brought peace to Rome.
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 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 were afraid he would try to seize more power and become King.
  - Ⓓ They did not want Caesar to run for president in the next election.
7. How are Decimus and Caesar 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.
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. How would you describe **conspirators**?
  - Ⓐ sneaky and harmful
  - Ⓑ poor and humble
  - Ⓒ selfless and giving
  - Ⓓ wealthy and powerful

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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? Would your understanding of the story been different without this information?

**Quick Check Answer Sheet****The Ides of March**

*Main Comprehension Skill: Identify Character Point of View*

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Character Point of View*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
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 readers 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. Readers' understanding would have been different if they had not known about this historical information before reading the story.