Act III, Julius Caesar

* They are all at the Capitol. It’s the Ides of March (March 15th)
* Artemidorus tries to get Caesar to read the letter, but the conspirators pull him away.
* Popilius tells Cassius to have a good day and Cassius is suspicious & paranoid.
* Cassius says if they don’t kill Caesar, he’ll kill himself.
* Brutus tells him not to worry, nobody is suspecting anything.
* Metellus’s brother is banished from Rome (for being on Pompey’s side) and Caesar told him not to beg, that he won’t let him back in.
* Brutus chimes in and asks, too. So does Cassius.
* Caesar says “I am constant as the northern star” meaning I’m not budging. He can’t come back in.
* Casca stabs Caesar, then the rest of the conspirators join in and he says “Et tu Brute? Then fall Caesar” (You think this about me, Brutus? Then I will die.)
* After Caesar dies, they all start yelling “Liberty, Freedom!”
* Everyone in Rome is in a panic because Caesar was stabbed.
* Cassius says they did Caesar a favor by killing him.
* Brutus agrees and tells them to kneel and bath themselves in Caesar’s blood. Then, they will run through the town yelling “Liberty”
* Cassius thinks they’ll be heroes in the eyes of the public.
* Antony’s servant comes in and tells Brutus that Antony isn’t angry, but would like to speak to Brutus, if he’ll not kill him.
* Brutus tells Antony’s servant that he can come and he’ll be unharmed.
* Antony freaks out because he sees that Caesar is dead; he tells them if they want to kill him to go ahead and do it, so that he can die with Caesar.
* Brutus tells him he doesn’t want him dead and he knows how it must look; He tells him he is sad that he had to kill Caesar, and he’ll explain it.
* Antony is speaking over Caesar’s body, and says he wants to be friends with the conspirators. (He shakes their hands).
* Cassius is suspicious of Antony. Antony says he’ll be ok with it as long as they explain why they killed Caesar.
* Antony says he will accept is as long as :
  + He wants to take Caesar’s body to the pulpit (in town)
  + He wants to speak at his funeral
* Brutus agrees; Cassius is worried about what Antony might say.
* Brutus reassures Cassius that he’ll speak first and tell the truth, THEN Antony can speak and he’ll just make sure it’s okay before he says it.
* Everyone leaves Antony with the body; Antony apologizes to Caesar for being nice them, and declares war on Rome.
* Octavius’ servant walks in (Octavius is Caesar’s nephew)
* Antony has summoned him for help. He tells the servant his plan to speak about Caesar’s murder at the funeral.

Scene ii

* Brutus address the crowd:
  + Caesar was my friend. I love Rome more than Caesar. I killed him because he was too ambitious (a tyrant).
* Crowd shows how stupid they are and follows Brutus for every word he says.
* Brutus leaves Antony alone with the body and the crowd.
* Antony gets the attention of the crowd and to tell them that he’s not here to (suck up to them)
  + He wants to remind Rome of the good that Caesar has done
  + He says Brutus told them Caesar was ambitious \*and Brutus is honorable\* He was underhandedly trying to get the citizens to wonder why they killed Caesar.
  + Antony says Caesar was faithful to him… Caesar saved peoples’ lives when he didn’t have to (But Brutus said he was ambitious…)
  + Antony starts telling them Caesar wasn’t ambitious.
  + He refused the crown 3 times… if he was ambitious he would’ve taken it.
  + He pauses to cry.
* The Plebeians (citizens) are stupid and decide they want to be team Antony and are angered by his speech.
* Antony shows the crowd Caesar’s will (which he found in his closet).
  + He tells them that if they read it, they’ll be so mad that Caesar was killed.
  + He tells them he shouldn’t tell them they’re his heirs
* The Plebes call the Conspirators Murderers, so we know they are team Antony. He told them to circle around Caesar’s body.
* Antony points out Caesar’s stab wounds and says Brutus’ was the unkindest cut of all (because Caesar trusted Brutus)
* The speech worked; the Plebes are fired up and want war.
* Antony tells them that they should start a war.
* Antony tells the Plebes that Caesar left each citizen with 75 drachmas (money)
  + Antony also tells them that he left all of his property for use as public parks
* Octavius & Lepidus are on their way.

Scene iii- A street

* Cinna the Poet (not to be confused with Cinna the conspirator) has had dreams that he should wander the streets.
* Plebes are mad from Antony’s speech and decide to harass Cinna the Poet because they think maybe he’s a conspirator.
* Plebes confuse Cinna the poet with Cinna the Conspirator and he tells them that, but they kill him anyway (Start of the Civil War in Rome)