Step 1: Make sure each member of your group has a book.

Step 2: Assign reading parts to members of your group. Write the name of the person reading beside each character listed below. Some of you may have to read more than one part.

* Cicero \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Casca \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cassius \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cinna \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 3: Choose a leader for your group who will be in charge of keeping everyone on task and write that person’s name in the blank provided. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 4: Choose a writer for your group who will be in charge of writing down your group’s responses. Write that person’s name in the blank provided. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 5: Come up with a game plan by deciding if your group wants to read the text in its entirety and then answer questions or answer questions as you read. You will read all of Act I Scene iii on pages 35-47. Indicate your plan in the blank provided. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 6: Work with ALL members of your ASSIGNED group to answer the questions listed below. You should use a sheet of paper with a proper MLA heading listing ALL names of the group members.

1. What does Casca believe is the meaning of the omens in lines 1-41?
2. How would you expect Caesar to react to all the negative supernatural events happening in Rome based on what we have seen from him previously in the text?
3. What role, if any of significance, do you think Cicero will play in Caesar’s demise? Explain.
4. Why is Cassius’s statement in line 44 ironic?
5. When Cassius is speaking negatively of Caesar to Casca, why doesn’t he mention Caesar by name?
6. How would modern audiences react to Shakespeare’s writing in lines 81-85 of this scene?
7. What does Cassius plan to do if Caesar is crowned king? How does this compare to other Shakespearean characters you have studied—perhaps from other Shakespearean works?
8. How are Brutus and Casca similar or different regarding the ease of manipulating them?
9. What metaphor(s) does Shakespeare use in Cassius’s lines 104-112 to describe Rome and its citizens?
10. What does this say about Cassius’s view of the people of Rome? (See above question for clarification.)
11. Why doesn’t Cassius care about the potential consequences of his words in lines 115-116?
12. What can we infer about Brutus from line 145?
13. Why do those against Caesar so desperately want Brutus to join their efforts?
14. What do Casca’s words in lines 162-165 suggest about Brutus’s reputation and relationship to the conspirators?