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Julius Caesar Act III Analysis Essay

Prompt: Read the following passage from an important scene in *Julius Caesar*. Identify the scene, then analyze both passages and discuss why Antony was more effective in inspiring the masses. You may want to discuss his use of appeals, choice of details, or awareness of audience.

Brutus

If there be any in this assembly, any dear friend of Caesar's, to him I say, that Brutus' love to Caesar was no less than his. If then that friend demand why Brutus rose against Caesar, this is my answer: --Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved ⁵ Rome more. Had you rather Caesar were living and die all slaves, than that Caesar were dead, to live all free men? As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I honour him: but, as he was ambitious, I ¹⁰ slew him. There is tears for his love; joy for his fortune; honour for his valour; and death for his ambition

Enter ANTONY and others, with CAESAR's body

Here comes his body, mourned by Mark Antony: who, though he had no hand in his death, shall receive ¹⁵ the benefit of his dying, a place in the commonwealth; as which of you shall not? With this I depart,--that, as I slew my best lover for the good of Rome, I have the same dagger for myself, when it shall please my country to need my death. ²⁰

All

Live, Brutus! live, live!

ANTONY

The noble Brutus
Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:

If it were so, it was a grievous fault,
And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it. ⁽²⁵⁾
Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest--
For Brutus is an honourable man;
So are they all, all honourable men--
Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.
He was my friend, faithful and just to me ⁽³⁰⁾;
But Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
He hath brought many captives home to Rome
Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill:
Did this in Caesar seem ambitious? ⁽³⁵⁾
When that the poor have cried, Caesar hath wept:
Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:
Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
You all did see that on the Lupercal ⁽⁴⁰⁾
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,
Which he did thrice refuse: was this ambition?
Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
And, sure, he is an honourable man.

You all did love him once, not without cause: ⁽⁴⁵⁾
What cause withholds you then, to mourn for him?
O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,
And I must pause till it come back to me. ⁵⁰

But here's a parchment with the seal of Caesar;
I found it in his closet, 'tis his will:
If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.
You all do know this mantle: I remember
The first time ever Caesar put it on; ⁵⁵
Look, in this place ran Cassius' dagger through:
See what a rent the envious Casca made:
Through this the well-beloved Brutus stabb'd;
For Brutus, as you know, was Caesar's angel:
Judge, O you gods, how dearly Caesar loved him! ⁶⁰
This was the most unkindest cut of all;

For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,
 Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,
 Quite vanquish'd him: then burst his mighty heart;
 Kind souls, what, weep you when you but behold ⁶⁵
 Our Caesar's vesture wounded? Look you here,
 Here is himself, marr'd, as you see, with traitors.

All

Revenge! About! Seek! Burn! Fire! Kill! Slay!

Let not a traitor live!

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Rubric

50 points	40 points	35 points	30 points	25 points
-Strong hook -Strong yet concise novel summary -Clear,concise, and opinionated thesis statement -Perfect assertions -Use of text excerpts to support assertions and overall argument -Commentary (discussion of evidence that extends beyond 1 line) -Repetition of thesis in conclusion -Closing thought -Overall strong organization and advanced word choice. -Less than 5 grammatical errors	Has elements of an A but there's room for improvement. 10-15 grammatical errors.	Has elements of an A/B but may be weak or missing pieces. 15 or more grammatical errors.	Underdeveloped. Miss pieces Distracting grammatical errors.	Does not answer question. Incomplete. Distracting grammatical errors/Not readable.