

Shakespeare's History
Antony and Cleopatra, Act II

Please answer the following questions as you read Act I of the play. Please write your answers on a separate piece of paper and in complete sentences and thoughts. Your answers should cite quotes from the text. See me if you need help!

1. How does Pompey describe his situation at the beginning of Act Two? What does he think of the Second Triumvirate and their strengths?
2. How does Pompey react to the news of Antony's arrival in Rome? How does he think this will affect the outcome of his challenge for power in Rome?
3. What is the problem between Caesar and Antony? What effect does it have on the situation with Pompey? How is it finally resolved?
4. What do you think is the purpose of Enobarbus's description of Cleopatra?
5. What does the soothsayer tell Antony? What is Antony's reaction to his statements?
6. How does Cleopatra react to the news of Antony's marriage? Does her reaction surprise you?
7. Why was Pompey so ready to challenge the authority of the Second Triumvirate? How do the parties resolve the conflict?
8. What does Enobarbus predict for Antony as a result of recent marriage?
9. What do you think about the character of Enobarbus? What role does he play in Antony's life? In the play?
10. What is Pompey's reaction to Menas's suggestion? Why does he react this way? How does Menas react to Pompey's decision?