

## CLASS – VIII

### JULIUS CAESAR CHAPTER 9

#### SPEECHES TO THE PEOPLE

##### SUMMARY

Brutus and Cassius enter the forum. The citizens gather there and demand answers regarding Caesar's death. Brutus makes a speech explaining that although he valued Caesar as a friend, it was appropriate to kill him for his ambition and that he did for the sake of Rome. He addresses the crowd, saying that anyone who loves his freedom must stand with him. He tries to convince the citizens that he killed Caesar for the freedom of Roman people. Mark Antony enters with Caesar's body. The crowd clamors for Brutus, and Brutus tells them to listen to Mark Antony. The citizens aren't reluctant to listen to Mark Antony at all, claiming that Caesar was a tyrant.

Mark Antony plans to turn the crowd against Brutus and the other assassins. Antony addresses them, appearing at first to praise the conspirators. His speech gradually instills doubt about the conspirators through his praise of Caesar, particularly after he shows the crowd Caesar's wounded body and reads Caesar's will, which leaves a sum of money and the public parks to the people of Rome. After that the crowd begins to cry for revenge. Brutus and Cassius ran away from there. A messenger from Octavius (Caesar's nephew) arrives and says to Mark Antony that he has arrived and wants to meet him.

##### I. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT:

“Here comes his body, mourned by Mark Antony”

1. Who is the speaker?

Ans. Brutus is the speaker.

2. Whose body is mentioned in the above line?

Ans. Julius Caesar's body is mentioned in the above line.

3. Who brings the body?

Ans. Mark Antony brings the body.

##### II. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How does Brutus justify the killing of Caesar to the people of Rome?

Ans. Brutus says that Caesar was ambitious and wanted to rule over Roman people. He was a tyrant and he killed him because he loves Rome more than Julius Caesar.

2. What helped Mark Antony to convince the crowd?

Ans. Julius Caesar's will helped Mark Antony to convince the crowd. According to the will Caesar had left a sum of money for the people of Rome. He had also made some of his private lands into public parks.