

Speech 1 (Act 3, Scene 2, Lines 12-33) → Read Brutus's Speech that he used to start the funeral.

Please wait until I finish. Romans, countrymen, and friends! Listen to my cause, and be silent, so you can hear.
Believe me based on my honor, and have respect for my honor, so you can believe. Judge me in your wisdom, and wake up your senses, so you can be a better judge. If there is anyone in this assembly, any dear friend of Caesar's, to him I say that Brutus' love to Caesar was no less than his love. If then that friend demands why Brutus rose against Caesar, this is my answer,
—Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more. Would you rather Caesar were living, and you all die slaves, than that Caesar were dead, so you all live freemen?
As Caesar loved me, I weep for him; as he was fortunate, I rejoice at it; as he was valiant, I honor him; but, as he was ambitious, I killed him.
There are tears for his love; joy for his fortune; honor for his valor, and death for his ambition.
Who is here so low that they would rather be a slave? If there are any, speak, because I have offended him. Who here is so rude that they wouldn't be a Roman? If there are any, speak, because I have offended him. Who is here so vile that he will not love his country? If there are any, speak, because I have offended him.
I'll stop so you can reply.

1. What's Brutus's main claim (what's his point)?

- a. What are his reasons to support his claim?
- b. Does he include evidence?
- c. So is this more logical or emotional?
- d. Is the speaker biased? How?

2. Is his thesis statement stated or implied?

- a. If stated, which line?
- b. If implied, what's the thesis?

3. What is Brutus's

- a. tone (speaker's attitude)?
- b. purpose?

c. audience?

4. What do you think Brutus's strongest point was?
5. What do you think his weakest point was?
6. If you were Brutus, what would you add to this to make the argument stronger?
7. If you were Antony, what would your rebuttal (comeback) to this argument be?

Speech 2 (Act 3, Scene 2, Lines 73-107) → Part 1 of Antony's Funeral Speech

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.
The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones;
So let it be with Caesar. 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.
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:
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?
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
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.
I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke,
But here I am to speak what I do know.
You all did love him once, not without cause:
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.

Analyze Speech 2 (Act 3, Scene 2, Lines 73-107) by answering the questions below.

1. What's Antony's main claim (what's his point)?
 - a. What are his reasons to support his claim?
 - b. Does he include evidence?
 - c. So is this more logical or emotional than Brutus' speech?
 - d. Did he offer counterarguments/rebuttals to the other side?
 - e. Is the speaker biased? How?
2. His thesis/main idea is implied, not stated. Why is that?
3. Did Antony follow Brutus's rules?
4. What is Antony's...
 - a. tone (speaker's attitude)?
 - b. purpose?
 - c. audience?
5. What do you think Antony's strongest point was?
6. What do you think his weakest point was?
7. If you were, Antony what would you add to this to make the argument stronger?

8. If you were Brutus, what would your rebuttal (comeback) to this argument be?

Speech 3 (Act 3, Scene 2, Lines 208-230) → Read the conclusion to Antony's Funeral Speech.

1. Good friends, sweet friends, don't let me stir you up 2. To such a sudden flood of rebellion.

3. They who have done this deed are honorable.

4. What private sorrows they have that made them do it,

5. Alas, I don't know,

6. They're wise and honorable,

7. And will, no doubt, answer you with reasons.

8. I didn't come, friends, to steal away your hearts.

9. I'm no orator, as Brutus is;

10. I am only, as you all know, a plain blunt man,

11. That loved my friend, and that is known full well

12. By they who gave me public permission to speak about him,

13. Because I don't have wit, or words, or worth,

14. Action, or utterance, or the power of speech,

15. To stir men's blood. I only speak directly;

16. I tell you what you yourselves already know.

17. I show you sweet Caesar's wounds, poor dumb mouths, and ask them to speak for me.

18. Put a tongue in every wound of Caesar,

19. that would move the stones of Rome to rise and rebel.

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 - b. purpose?
 - c. audience?

Write a one sentence summary of the speech:

Write a one sentence critique of the speech: