

# — LOYALTY AND AMBITION —

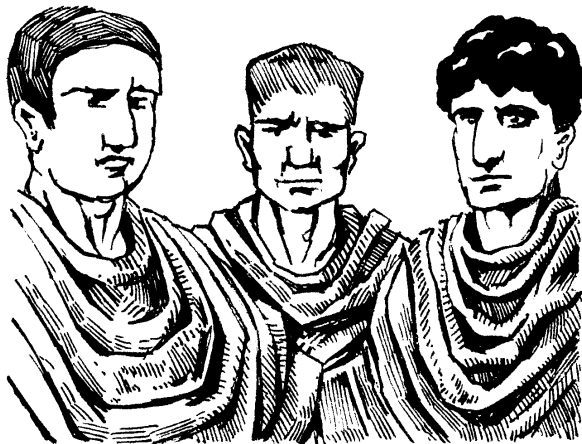
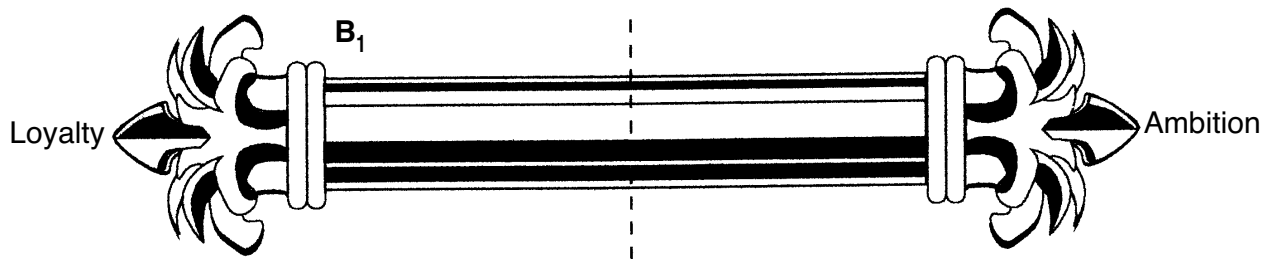
How loyal are Brutus, Mark Antony and Cassius to their country and to each other as friends? When does ambition make them disloyal to each other?

Read the quotations in the box below from Brutus. Then try to put them in the appropriate place on the continuum line underneath. One example has been done for you.

Now try to find quotations or events from the play which show whether Cassius and Mark Antony are ambitious or loyal. Try to find a quotation from the beginning, middle and end of the play. Using a key like the one below (C=Cassius, M=Mark Antony), add these to your line.

Compare your line to that of others in your class.

B<sub>1</sub> – *'Let's be sacrificers, but not butchers'* – Act II Scene i, line 166  
B<sub>2</sub> – *'Did not great Julius bleed for justice sake?'* – Act IV Scene iii, line 19  
B<sub>3</sub> – *'Caesar, now be still.  
I kill'd not thee with half so good a will.'* – Act V Scene v, lines 50–51



Finally, use your work to answer these questions:

- 1 Which of these three men is most loyal, and which is most ambitious?
- 2 Which one is least loyal and which is least ambitious?
- 3 Do their characters change during the play?
- 4 Which of them would you choose as a friend? Why?