

Unit

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Supplementary

Remember Caesar (Play)

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Warm Up

Study the title of the play “Remember Caesar”. Who is Caesar? What is he remembered for? Let us go through the pages of history succinctly to answer the above questions.



- ❖ Julius Caesar was a brilliant military general and great Roman monarch.
- ❖ He was born on the 13th of July in 100 BC (BCE).
- ❖ He created the Julian calendar which is the basis for today's calendar.
- ❖ He was assassinated by a group of Roman senators in 44 BC (BCE).
- ❖ The day that Julius Caesar was murdered, 15th March, was called the Ides of March in ancient Rome.

Here is the play that revolves around the Ides of March (i.e 15th of March the day Julius Caesar was assassinated). The play “Remember Caesar” is about a pompous and proud judge who fears a life threat after he discovers a message ‘Remember Caesar’ scribbled on a piece of paper in his pocket. He exhorts his assistant Roger to remain alert to foil the possible attempt of the assassins. He is panic-stricken and makes his assistant engage in elaborate precautionary measures. Let us read the play to know whether Lord Weston and Roger thwart the attempt or not.

Characters

Lord Weston—a judge

Roger Chetwynd—Weston's assistant

Lady Weston—Weston's wife

LORD WESTON is seated by the fireplace, a table of books and papers beside him, talking. Downright is seated MR ROGER CHETWYND, a thin, earnest, absent-minded, and conscientious young

person. So conscientious is he that his mind, even when absent, is absent on his employer's business. He has begun by listening to his master's lecture, but the lure of his work has been gradually too much for him, and he is now blissfully copying from one paper on to another while the measured words flow over him, his lips forming the phrases while he writes.