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Characterization of Brutus in *Julius Caesar*

1. Brutus may be noble and well-meaning, but it is obvious that he can be lead easily by others. He is a victim of persuasion, and although deep down he feels the plot to kill Caesar is not right thing to do, Cassius blinds him to believe it is what has to happen. Cassius even implies Brutus' naivety:

Well, Brutus, thou art noble. Yet I see

thy honourable metal way may be wrought

from that it is disposed. Therefore it is meet

that noble minds keep ever with their likes,

for who so firm that cannot be seduced?

(1.2.305-08)

2. Brutus is a deeply emotional person, who has inner demons he struggles with. He wears his heart on his sleeve, and lets his problems greatly affect him, “Vexed I am/ of late with passions of some difference,” (2.2.39-40).