

Inner conflict can be caused by so many events and people around us. Often times we do not ask to be worried or upset or confused, but we are thrown into these states because of what someone else does or doesn't do. For example, a mother struggles with her teenager not because she doesn't love or trust him, but because the kid does something out of the ordinary that causes her to worry or upsets her. Perhaps she finds out he is doing drugs or she learns that his grades have slipped. Whatever the case may be, the mother is faced with inner conflict because of the actions of her child. The same type of thing happens in the play *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. Throughout the play, several characters are affected by inner conflict because of the actions or nonactions of other characters. One such character is Brutus. Brutus's internal struggles are caused by the actions and nonactions of the people around him including his best friend Caesar, his fellow senator Cassius, and his rival Marc Antony.