



Julius Caesar

Project List **English II**

Choose one of the following projects to complete. Due date_____.

Billboard

Suppose there were billboards in ancient Rome. To show their support upon Caesar's return to Rome, a citizens' commission might decide to put up a billboard. What would it say? What images would the billboard show? Using Microsoft Publisher or another program, design such a billboard. Remember that it is funded by ordinary citizens and is intended to "advertise" their support for Caesar. The billboard must be completed on poster board.

Map

Create a map of Rome and its surrounding areas as they appeared in the era of Julius Caesar. Find a map that shows how the area appeared during this time. On your final version, indicate all the settings and places of interest from the play. The map must be on poster board.

Personal Essay

Use the Internet to research and examine the ideas of stoicism, Brutus' personal philosophy. In an essay, describe this philosophy and answer the following questions. Do you believe good will always come to people who follow virtue? Why, or why not? Do you believe it is always best to put emotions aside in order to complete a task or follow a goal? Have you ever done this? If yes, explain. Support your idea with concrete examples from your own life. Essay must be typed in MLA-format.

Tragic hero poem or essay

Write a poem or essay about a person in real life or a character from a book, movie, or television who might be considered a tragic hero. Define the qualities that make a tragic hero and explain what your character has in common with Brutus. Poem or essay must be typed in MLA-format.

Biography

Use the Internet to research and develop a biography of Julius Caesar. What kind of man was he? What were his particular skills and strengths? What were his accomplishments? What is he known for besides his assassination? Include any pictures of his likenesses that you can find, such as statues, etc. The essay must be typed in MLA-format.

Political cartoon

Review the attitudes and values of the commoners, the tribunes, the conspirators, Cassius, Brutus, and Caesar. Then, create a political cartoon about Caesar that expresses those attitudes and values in an exaggerated manner. The cartoon must be on poster board with the title and author included.

Magazine Cover

Suppose that you produce a newsmagazine in Ancient Rome. The day after Caesar's assassination, your magazine covers the story. What is on the cover? Use Microsoft Publisher or another program to design the cover for the magazine that features the assassination and/or the incidents surrounding it. The cover must have the magazine name and descriptive words and phrases.

Roman Feast***

Use the Internet to research food in Julius Caesar's day. Plan a menu after gathering background information on the food and drink of the day. You must turn in a menu, invitations, and decorations that are appropriate to the time period. If you wish to bring in food, you must get this approved by Mr. Bromwell—see Mrs. Cohoon first!***

Song or Rap

Write a song or rap about Julius Caesar and perform it in front of the class. The song or rap must be neatly typed using MLA-format.

Narrative Poem

Write a narrative poem about the play. The poem must be neatly typed using MLA-format.

Book Cover

Using Microsoft Publisher or another program, create a book cover for the play *Julius Caesar*. Be as creative as possible. Make it look appealing so that someone would really want to pick it up and read it.

Additional Scene

Write a scene in which Portia comes back as a ghost to talk to Brutus. You may have other characters, also. Make sure you use stage directions, dialogue, and other elements of drama. The additional scene needs to be neatly typed using MLA-format.