

Introduction on Caesar

1. Write down as many words as you can think of related to Julius Caesar.

2. How has Caesar contributed to our society?

3. _____ wrote *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*, performed in approximately _____ (year).
4. The English were conquered by _____ and believed that they were descendants of early _____.
5. The Roman playwrights _____ and _____ were popular and admired influences of _____ drama.
6. Shakespeare's audience was also fascinated by Caesar's life and _____ because in the _____ in England the people experienced _____ and the result was the _____ family (Queen Elizabeth's family line) taking over.
7. Who was Caesar's main resource for writing *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*?

8. Shakespeare failed to _____ his sources.

9. What is the setting of the play?

10. Rome was ruled by a _____, consisting of these three men:
 - a. _____ - a great politician & Caesar's son-in-law
 - b. Caesar - the famous _____
 - c. _____ - the wealthiest man in Rome

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11. Why did tensions flare between Caesar and Pompey in 54 B.C?
12. Who died in 53 B.C.?
13. The Senate supported _____ and he becomes sole consul (like a president) in 52 B.C.
14. _____ becomes a military hero and a champion of the people. He was the commander in _____ and had planned on becoming consul when his term in Gaul was up (terms were for one year).
15. The _____ feared him and wanted him to give up his army.
16. What does Caesar do in 50 B.C. that angers the members of the senate?
17. Two tribunes, _____ and _____, veto the bill and were therefore _____ from the senate.
18. The men flee to Caesar and his army and ask for help in fighting the senate. On January 19, _____ B.C., Caesar crosses the _____ into Italy, beginning a civil war.
19. What does the phrase “crossing the Rubicon.” mean today?
20. Caesar defeats Pompey in _____, then returns to Rome as “tribune of the _____” and “_____ for life.”
21. What does it mean to be “deified”?

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The play opens at this point.

22. What was the feast of the Lupercal?

23. When did it take place?

24. What do the conspirators discuss during the celebration?

25. Julius Caesar is warned to beware the _____.

26. "Ides" means the _____ of the _____.

27. So it was basically a warning that...

28. What is a tragic hero?

29. Who is the tragic hero in *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*?

30. How does Shakespeare's Five-Act plot structure differ from a traditional plot structure?

31. Try to think of quotes you believe Shakespeare probably invented or coined and write below:

32. Of the ones listed, which have you used before?