

JULIUS CAESAR: BACKGROUND NOTES

Name _____ Date _____

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1. Shakespeare was baptized on _____ which means he was probably born on _____.
2. He was born in the town of _____ which is located _____.
3. His father's name was _____, and his father was a _____ and a _____.
4. Shakespeare attended school at _____ and studied _____.
5. Shakespeare married _____ in the year _____.
6. His children's names were _____, _____ and _____.
7. We know very little about Shakespeare's life between the years _____ and _____. This period is often referred to as the _____.
8. Once Shakespeare moved to London, he became both an _____ and a _____.
9. In 1594, Shakespeare became a member of a group of actors called _____ which was later renamed _____ after the death of Queen Elizabeth in 1603.
10. We do not always know the exact date of Shakespeare's plays because _____.
11. Shakespeare's plays were not published until _____ in a volume called _____.
12. Scholars think the play *Julius Caesar* was written in _____.

13. Shakespeare retired to Stratford in _____. He had written _____ plays which can be divided into four categories:
- a. _____ c. _____
- b. _____ d. _____
14. Shakespeare died on _____ and is buried in _____
- _____.

THE THEATER: THE GLOBE

15. A man named _____ decided to build the first permanent theater in London in the year _____.
16. The building was known as _____.
17. In 1599 Burbage and his two sons _____ and moved the pieces _____. This building was named _____.
18. This theater consisted of an open courtyard about _____ feet in diameter surrounded by a building _____ feet high with _____ tiers of seating known as _____.
19. People who could not afford a seat, paid only _____ to get in, and then they stood in the _____, also known as the _____. They were known as _____.
20. The Globe was destroyed in _____ when a stagehand accidentally _____
- _____.
21. In Shakespeare's day, all actors were _____. Usually the _____ played the female roles.
22. Women were not allowed on stage until _____.
23. During the performances it was typical for people in the audience to _____, _____, and _____.
- _____.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF JULIUS CAESAR

24. The play is about the assassination of _____
who lived from _____ to _____ B.C.
25. Shakespeare got his material for the play from _____
26. In Caesar's day, generals had _____
27. These generals would _____;
then these territories would be ruled by _____
28. Caesar and Pompey started out as _____. Pompey even
married _____.
29. In 60 B.C. these two generals joined with _____ to form
the _____ which means a _____
_____.
30. During the Gallic Wars Caesar spent eight years _____
_____.
31. In _____ Pompey became _____
32. The people who liked Caesar viewed him as _____
but his enemies thought he _____.
33. When the Senate ordered Caesar to give up his command, he _____
_____.
34. In Egypt Pompey _____ and Caesar become
involved with _____.
35. Then Caesar went to _____ where he defeated
_____.
36. So when Caesar returned to Rome he was viewed as _____.
37. He was named _____ for a term of _____ years. He was later
declared _____.
38. The difference between king and dictator to the Romans was _____
_____.
39. Some of the senators planned to assassinate Caesar because _____
_____.
40. This assassination took place on _____.

Meet the Characters in Julius Caesar

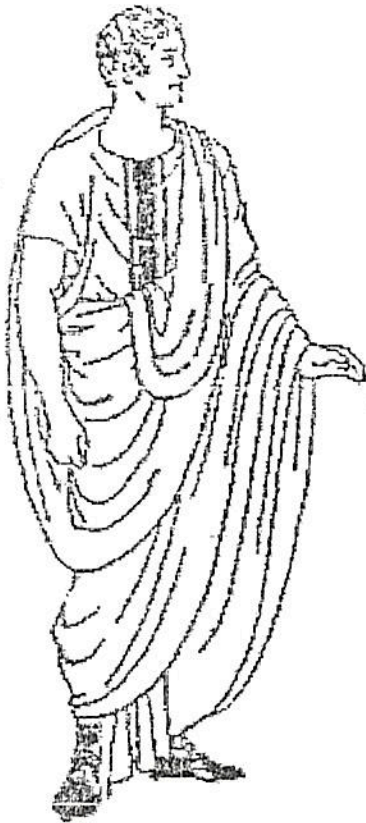
Julius Caesar



Mark Antony



Brutus



Cassius



Porcia



Calpurnia (Calphurnia)