

# Julius Caesar

1. Shakespeare wrote 3 kinds of plays. Histories, tragedies and comedies. What is 'Julius Caesar'? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the following extract from Julius Caesar:

CAESAR. What, Brutus?

CASSIUS. Pardon, Caesar! Caesar, pardon!

As low as to thy foot doth Cassius fall

To beg enfranchisement for Publius Cimber.

CAESAR. I could be well moved, if I were as you;

Let me a little show it, even in this;

That I was constant Cimber should be banish'd,

And constant do remain to keep him so.

CINNA. O Caesar-

CAESAR. Hence! Wilt thou lift up Olympus?

DECIUS. Great Caesar-

CAESAR. Does not Brutus bootless kneel?

CASCA. Speak, hands, for me!

*Casca first, then the other Conspirators  
and Marcus Brutus stab Caesar.*

CAESAR. Et tu, Brute?- Then fall, Caesar! *Dies.*

CINNA. Liberty! Freedom! Tyranny is dead!

Run hence, proclaim, cry it about the streets.

3. What do you think Cassius wanted for Publius Cimber?

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4. What was Caesar's decision for Cimber?

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5. What do you think "speak, hands, for me!" means?

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6. 'Et tu, brute?' means 'even you, Brutus?' why do you think Caesar was surprised that Brutus would kill him?

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7. What did Cinna think the assassination of Caesar would achieve?

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In your own words, rewrite this scene.

Caesar: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cassius: \_\_\_\_\_

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Caesar: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cinna: \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar: \_\_\_\_\_

Decius: \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar: \_\_\_\_\_

Casca: \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar: \_\_\_\_\_

Cinna: \_\_\_\_\_

8. This is a very famous speech made by Marc Antony after Caesar is killed.

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears!

I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

The evil that men do lives after them,

The good is oft interred with their bones;

So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus

Hath told you Caesar was ambitious;

If it were so, it was a grievous fault,

And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it.

Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest-

For Brutus is an honorable man;

So are they all, all honorable men-

Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.

He was my friend, faithful and just to me;

But Brutus says he was ambitious,

And Brutus is an honorable man.

8. What do you think "lend me your ears" means? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Why do you think Antony keeps calling Brutus an honourable man, even though he killed Caesar?

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10. What do you think this speech is about?

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