

Essay Topics

Instructions: choose two of the following essay topics and answer them completely, in two separate, two-page minimum essays, final draft quality.

First essay due date: _____

Second essay due date: _____

1. Explain the role that fate played in *Julius Caesar*, supporting it with specific examples.
2. Compare and contrast the personalities of Brutus and Cassius?
3. Do you feel that Caesar deserved to die? Support your answer with examples from the play.
4. Describe the role of the common people in the play (e.g. Act III, Scene II).
5. Choose three symbols that Shakespeare uses throughout the play and describe how they contribute to it.
6. Choose a less significant character (not Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, Antony) and describe his/her role in the play.
7. What does Shakespeare tell us about government and the common people in *Julius Caesar*?
8. Was Brutus' decision to assassinate Caesar right? Support your answer.
9. Some people believe that the title of the play should have been *The Tragedy of Marcus Brutus*. Support or refute this argument.
10. If you had written the play, name three things you would have changed and why? If you wouldn't change anything, why not?