

## Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*: Introductory Activity

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### Shakespeare's life

What occupations did Shakespeare's Father do for a living?

- 1.
- 2.

Who did Shakespeare marry, and how many children did they have?

In what two ways did Shakespeare contribute to the theatre?

What did Shakespeare invest his money in?

### Shakespeare's Plays

What were the three types of plays Shakespeare wrote?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are the quarto texts?

### Life in Shakespeare's London

What was the major conflict in Europe at the time Elizabeth ascended the throne?

List three examples of England's success under Queen Elizabeth's rule:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who came into power after Elizabeth's death?

### Plutarch

What text did Shakespeare reference to research writing *Julius Caesar*?

Other than Julius Caesar, name one other person Plutarch made a biography for:

Which did Plutarch value more: historical accuracy or making a moral point?

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### Julius Caesar's Early Life

What year was Julius Caesar born?

Describe the political climate of Caesar's youth:

What did Caesar study in Rhodes?

How did Caesar escape pirates?

### Caesar & Pompey

List two ways Caesar became closer to the Roman leader Pompey:

- 1.
- 2.

List the three people involved in the political alliance known as the First Triumvirate:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How did Caesar become dictator for life?

### Caesar's Assassination

List three of Caesar's accomplishments during his rule:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List one factor that led to Caesar's downfall:

Name the two people who led the assassination of Caesar.

- 1.
- 2.

Who avenged Caesar's death and became the first Roman emperor?

### Life in Caesar's Rome

List 3 characteristics of life as a wealthy Roman:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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List 3 characteristics of life as a poor Roman:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three responsibilities or privileges for a male in Rome:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### **The Globe Theatre**

Why was the theatre moved from Shoreditch to Bankside?

What happened in the June 29th, 1613 Production of Henry VIII?

Who were the groundlings?

Who closed down the theatre, and why was it destroyed?

### **The Ides of March**

What day was the Ides of March?

How did the Ides correspond to the lunar calendar?

The Ides was sacred to which Roman god?

List 3 Roman Traditions to celebrate the Ides of March:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.