

Julius Caesar---Political Cartoons

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DUE DATE:

Objective: To create political cartoons based on William Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*.

Steps: ****Note—you will need to complete the following steps for EACH event you choose (two cartoons total.)**

1. Pick an event from the column below. You MUST pick two.
2. Using your book, research each event. You should become an expert on your topic, study it more than what we do in class.
3. Write 5 sentences detailing the importance of your event—**include why the event occurred, what actually happened, and how the event impacted the rest of the play** (This then needs to be written on the Cartoon Summary Sheet).
4. Decide what aspect of the event you would like to show in a political cartoon. Remember political cartoons are not restating the facts—you need a viewpoint/ side— (*see Uses/Elements of Cartoons WS*).
5. Develop and create your cartoon. Use your “Developing a Cartoon WS” to help. Your cartoon must be original and hand drawn. Final copies must be in black ink or color. Cartoons must be on separate 8 ½ by 11 sheets (computer paper, not notebook paper). See your teacher if you need some. DO NOT FORGET A TITLE WITH MEANING; it cannot just be your topic name.
6. After creating your cartoon, analyze your cartoon in 3-5 complete sentences—**include the point/ viewpoint of your cartoon, what the objects/symbols in your cartoon mean and explain your title and captions**. (This then needs to be written on the Cartoon Summary Sheet)

Finalized Project: (Hand in stapled in the following order)

1. Rubric
2. Political Cartoon #1
3. Political Cartoon #2
4. Cartoon Summary Sheets (two sided) – completely filled out

Events:

Choose and circle two events. If you want to use something else, it must be approved by your teacher.

1. “Beware the ides of March.”
2. The conspiracy against Julius Caesar
3. The assassination of Julius Caesar
4. Antony's funeral speech
5. Calphurnia's Dream
6. Brutus' honorable decision
7. Cassius' suicide
8. Brutus' suicide
9. Portia's suicide
10. Antony's Eulogy of Brutus