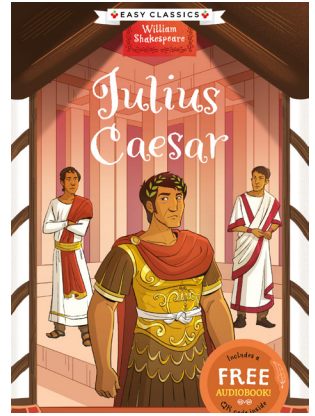


Title:

Julius Caesar

Author:

William Shakespeare



Before Reading

- Look at the cover and the title. Who do you think Julius Caesar was?
- Discuss:
 - What do you think of when you hear the word ‘power’?
 - Can someone be both a hero and a danger to their country?
- Introduce key themes: power, friendship, loyalty, betrayal.

During Reading

- Pause at key moments and ask:
 - Why do some want to praise Caesar while others want to stop him?
 - What motivates the conspirators – care for Rome or self-interest?
 - How do Brutus’ feelings and decisions change during the story?

After Reading

Discussion questions

- Why do you think Caesar was betrayed?
- Do you think Brutus was right or wrong?
- What does the play say about the dangers of power and politics?

Activities

1. Characters and Relationships

- Draw a diagram of the main characters (Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, the people).
- Show how they are connected and how their relationships change throughout the story.

2. Speech to the People

- Write your own short speech to the people of Rome, either as Brutus or Antony.
- Read your speech aloud and discuss: How can words influence people?

3. Brutus' Diary

- Write a diary entry from Brutus on the night before the conspiracy.
- What is he feeling? Is he certain about his decision or full of doubt?

4. Trial of the Conspirators

- Split into groups: prosecutors, defenders and jury.
- Hold a mock trial where the conspirators are accused of murder.
- The jury decides if they are guilty or not – and why.