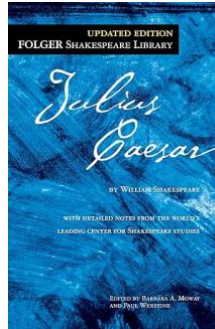


## Providence Classical School

### 10th grade Rhetoric Summer Reading Assignment 2025

*Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare



[Click here for a link to the book on Amazon](#)

#### Assignment:

Read Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, create a reading journal, and write an essay. Bring all assignments on the first day of class.

#### Reading Journal:

Purchase a standard composition notebook and on the first page, write *Julius Caesar* by Shakespeare and your name. In your journal create a section for the following:

**Title Page:** Create a title page with the name of the book and author.

**Characters:** Keep a list of characters and maintain a description of the character throughout the reading

**Questions:** Using the 5 Common Topics, develop discussion questions from the reading. You are required to have 5 questions.

- **Definition** -What/ Who is someone/something? Significance
- **Comparison** - How is this similar or different to.... Comparison chart
- **Relationship** --What caused this to happen, and what are the consequences of this action?
- **Circumstance**- What else is happening?
- **Authority** -- Who is the witness? Who is an expert on the issue?

**Quotes:** Record quotes from the reading that you find interesting or intriguing. They can be words that you find beautiful, insightful, significant, or interesting. Write them down, who said them and the page number.

**Essay:** Write a 5-paragraph essay answering the following question:

How does William Shakespeare employ rhetorical strategies in *Julius Caesar* to explore themes of power, persuasion, and political legitimacy? Analyze how characters such as Brutus, Cassius, and Mark Antony use rhetoric to influence public opinion and justify their actions. In your response, examine specific speeches and moments of persuasion, considering how Shakespeare constructs arguments through ethos, pathos, and logos, and how these rhetorical choices reflect broader concerns about authority, loyalty, and manipulation.

**On the first day of school, bring your copy of the book, your journal, and your essay.**