



# THE IDES OF MARCH

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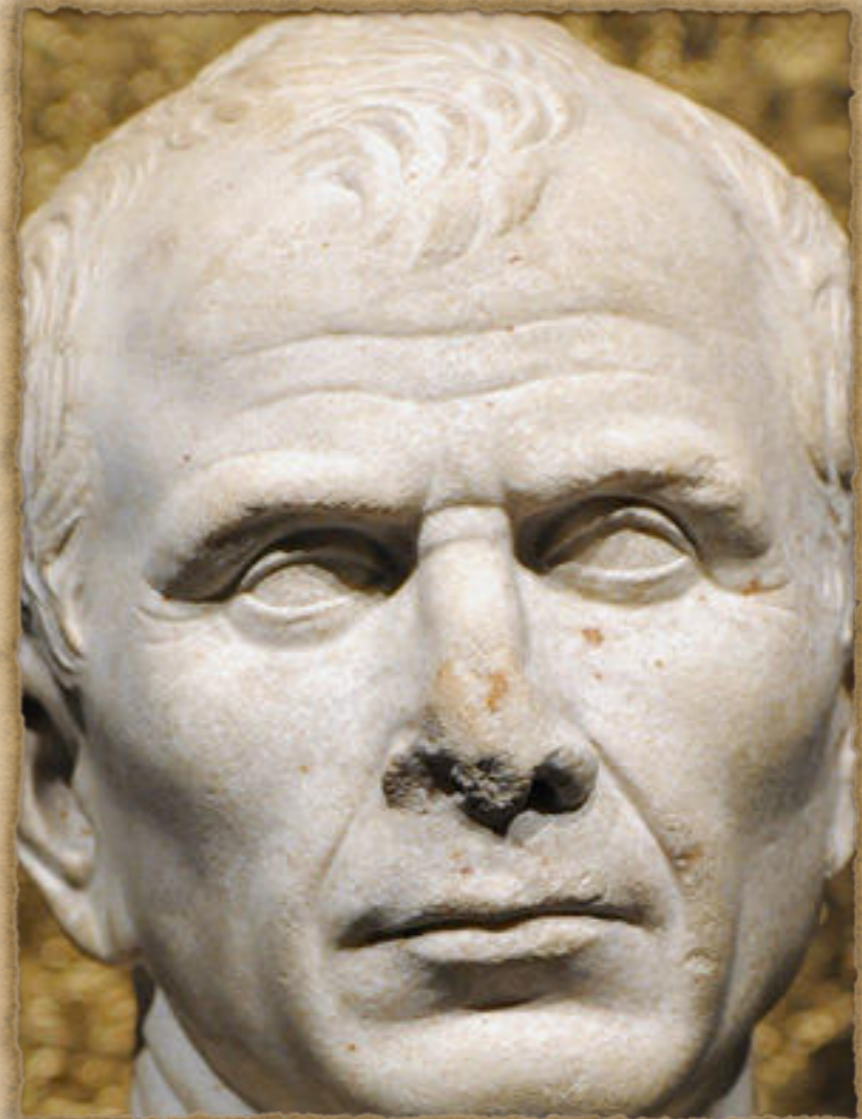


Where does the saying come from?

- ◆ William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar
- ◆ A soothsayer says "beware the Ides of March" to Julius Caesar to warn him of his assassination.



- ◆ Julius Caesar was assassinated on March 15, 44 bc by Roman Senators who were concerned he had too much power.





- ◆ Rome sadden by Caesar's death
- ◆ Senators banished
- ◆ The republic was never restored to former glory



# How is the expression used today?

- ◆ "Beware the Ides of March" is now a proverb/superstition that warns of impending danger





What other phrases do we  
owe to Shakespeare?



# THINGS WE SAY TODAY WHICH WE OWE TO SHAKESPEARE

"KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?"  
"SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE" "HEART OF GOLD"  
"SO-SO" "GOOD RIDDANCE"  
"FAINT HEARTED" "SEEN BETTER DAYS"  
"FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE" "TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"  
"SEND HIM PACKING"  
"WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"  
"NOT SLEEP ONE WINK" "COME WHAT MAY"  
"THE GAME IS UP" "FOR GODDNESS' SAKE"  
"WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "FULL CIRCLE"  
"BAITED BREATH" "GREEN EYED MONSTER"  
"VANISH INTO THIN AIR" "BE ALL/END ALL"  
"OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH" "DEAD AS A DOORNAIL"  
"IN A PICKLE" "FAIR/FOUL" "BRAVE MAKES YOUR HAIR"  
"NAKED TRUTH" "PLAY/PLAY" "NEW WORLD" "STAND ON END"  
"BREAK THE ICE" "BREADED MY OYSTER" "WILD GOOSE CHASE"  
"OFF WITH HIS HEAD" "LIE HIS LAST" "LOVE IS BLIND"  
"HEART OF HEARTS" "A SORRY SIGHT" "A PIECE OF WORK"

"LAUGHING STOCK"