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Julius Caesar - Socratic Seminar

Directions: We will conduct a Socratic Seminar based on William Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar. To prepare, construct responses to the following questions.

1. Brutus called Portia a "true and honorable wife." What is a "true and honorable wife (or husband)"? Describe the most important characteristics of a true and honorable spouse.

2. Who is the best, most honorable character in the play? Justify your answer.

3. Who is the worst, most corrupt character in the play? Justify your answer.

4. Compare and contrast Antony and Brutus.

5. Explain why the play Julius Caesar is a tragedy.

6. Compare and contrast Brutus and Cassius.

7. Would you have liked living in the Roman Empire? Why or why not?

8.Do you believe dreams have meaning in our daily lives? Why or why not?

9. Did you enjoy reading Julius Caesar? Why or why not?

1. Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?
2. Explain how someone could be "politically assassinated" (killing a person's political career without actually physically killing the person) in our modern times.
3. Who are some of America's greatest orators? What kinds of speeches do they give?
4. Discuss the role of the media (news, advertising, TV programming) in manipulating the general public today.