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Julius Caesar – Writing Activity

PROMPT

Knowing all you now know about Roman history, you are being transported back in time to the day of Caesar's assassination. Your assignment is to write an anonymous letter to the conspirators in which you persuade them **not** to carry out their plans.

PREWRITING

First, on a piece of paper jot down the reasons why the conspirators wanted to get rid of Julius Caesar. If you are going to persuade them against the actions they have planned, you need to fully understand what motivates them to do this thing in the first place. Keeping these things in mind and using all of your knowledge, write down **at least three** ideas to persuade the conspirators to cancel their plans. Jot down a few notes about your ideas to help explain them.

DRAFTING

 Begin your letter in a letter format with the date and appropriate salutation.  Write an **introductory paragraph** in which you let the conspirators know that you know of their plans and to state your purpose for writing this letter.   In the **body of your letter**, write one paragraph stating and explaining each of your persuasive points (one paragraph for each point). Write a concluding **paragraph** in which you summarize your points and make your final pleas.  Use an appropriate closing.

PROMPT

 When you finish the rough draft of your paper, ask a student who sits near you to read it.

After reading your rough draft, he/she should tell you what he/she liked best about your work, which parts were difficult to understand, and ways in which your work could be improved. Reread your paper considering your critic's comments and make the corrections you think are necessary.

PROOFREADING

Do a final proofreading of your paper double-checking your grammar, spelling, organization, and the clarity of your ideas.

You have the class period to complete the activity. If you need more time, complete it for homework. Have fun with this and let the creative juices flow!!