

Julius Caesar Argument

A **tragedy** is a play in which a main character, or **tragic hero**, suffers a downfall. That character typically is a person of dignified or heroic stature. The downfall may result from outside forces or from a weakness within the character, which is known as a **tragic flaw**.

Using the definition above as a reference, construct a multi-paragraph response in which you make and support a claim as to the most significant tragic flaw of Caesar's.

OR

Based on Caesar's actions and his behavior, was it a good idea for the conspirators to murder Caesar for the good of Rome? Use evidence from the play to construct a multi-paragraph response in which you make and support a claim about how the citizens **should or should not** have taken drastic measures for the benefit of their republic.

Paragraph 1 - Opening that gets the reader's attention. It should then mention the play and work toward a one sentence thesis that directly and specifically addresses the prompt.

Paragraph 2 - Concession where you raise the views that OPPOSE your thesis. You must then write a rebuttal that refutes these opposing views.

Paragraph 3 - Begin with a claim that states a reason in support of your thesis. Provide and blend a piece of evidence from the play that you then explain and discuss. Then choose a second piece of evidence to explain and discuss.

Paragraph 4 - Begin with a claim that states a reason in support of your thesis. Do NOT repeat anything you have already explained in paragraph 3. Provide and blend a piece of evidence from the play that you then explain and discuss. Then choose a second piece of evidence to explain and discuss.

Paragraph 5 - Closing that revisits your thesis, revisits your hook, and discusses the significance of the topic on a larger scale (history, society, world, humanity, etc.)

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Essay choice #1 Tragic flaw

Brainstorm what you believe are Caesar's flaws, and then try to find evidence so you can make a case for his worst one.

Caesar's flaw #1	Caesar's flaw #2	Caesar's flaw #3	Caesar's flaw #4
Ex:	Ex:	Ex.:	Ex.:
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Essay choice #2 Was Caesar's death a good idea?

It was a GOOD idea (find text evidence)	It was a BAD idea (find text evidence)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

