

Narrative

Assignment 31

- *poetry memorization.* Finish memorizing William Wordsworth’s poem, “We Are Seven.”
- *speech night.* You will be delivering your speech again in class next week. Work on being relaxed.. Practice it in front of your family at least once a day.
- *writing.* Write an outline analysis on Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*, following the format that I gave you in class (below). The essay will be due the week after Speech Night—the third week in May. You may write a narrative (assigned a while back) or this critical essay.

First paragraph The first paragraph will include an introduction with a main idea, such as “Shakespeare presents a pessimistic view of politics, particularly Republicanism (representative government), through the tragedy’s characters.

Second–Fourth Paragraphs Each of these three paragraphs will include 1) a topic sentence, which supports the main idea, such as “One character that Shakespeare uses to show the failure of republicanism is Brutus” 2) explain the main idea —”Brutus is an idealist who fails to acknowledge the dirty, even practical sides of political life, to the detriment of his conspiratorial faction.” 3) Weave in textual support and relate it to the topic sentence.

Fifth paragraph Your conclusion will end the essay and tell the significance or importance of your analysis. Does the play suggest the doubt in Shakespeare’s mind regarding representative government in his own day?

- *biography.* Email your biography!
- The Battle of Philippi was the final battle in the Wars of the Second Triumvirate between the forces of Mark Antony and Octavian and the forces of Brutus and Cassius in 42 BC, at Philippi in Macedonia. The Second Triumvirate declared this civil war to avenge Julius Caesar's murder. Below is a map to show you the location of Philippi.

