



Julius Caesar A Persuasive Letter

Up until the modern era, letters were an influential form of communication. Letters are used throughout *Julius Caesar* to encourage action, such as the false letters Cassius writes for Brutus or the letter Artemidorus writes to warn Caesar of his impending assassination.

Imagine that you are a Roman citizen who is concerned about the current political climate in Rome. Write a letter to Brutus that encourages him to act either with or against the conspirators. The letter must use apt textual evidence from the play to support your position.

RL.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

W.9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

W.9-10.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.