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Mrs. Anzalone

Julius Caesar Essay Prompt

_____ **5 Points - Wednesday, April 2, 2014:** The three point thesis of the five paragraph essay is due. Bring a printed copy to class in 12 point Times new Roman font.

_____ **15 Points – Friday, April 4, 2014:** The outline for the five paragraph essay is due. This should be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. Bring a printed copy to class.

_____ **10 points – Tuesday, April 8, 2014:** The introductory paragraph and first body paragraph is due. This should be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. Bring a printed copy to class.

_____ **10 Points – Friday, April 11, 2014:** The completed five paragraph essay rough draft is due today at the beginning of class. This should also be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. A printed copy should be brought to class.

_____ **60 Points – Tuesday, April 15, 2014:** The final draft of the five paragraph essay is due to Turnitin.com PRIOR to arriving to class. The final draft should be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins and double-spaced. Please see the attached rubric for specific grading information.

Essay Prompt One: Symbols play a major role in *Julius Caesar*. Write an essay which discusses and analyzes how Shakespeare used three significant symbols to challenge the agenda and motives of the characters.

Essay Prompt Two: Near the end of the play, one character claims that Brutus is “the noblest Roman of them all.” Is he correct, or does another character take the title? Your essay should examine any three of the following—Brutus, Cassius, Caesar, and Antony—and evaluate their nobility, but you must ultimately settle on one.

Essay Prompt Three: Superstition plays a major role in the lives of many characters and plays a significant role in determining the outcome of various events in *Julius Caesar*. How did superstition specifically affect various characters, and had characters relied on or avoided superstition, how would the play be different? Identify your opinion in third person and in a five paragraph essay. While the answer to this question is purely your opinion, your grade will be based on how well you support your position.

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Julius Caesar - Five Paragraph Essay Rubric

	Beginning 3-4	Developing 5-6	Accomplished 7-8	Exemplary 9-10	Score
Ideas	Ideas are not relative to the prompt and are only plot based.	Some ideas are relative to the prompt, and some analysis is evident.	Ideas are somewhat relevant in most parts of the essay, and the student attempts to synthesize the prompt.	Most or all of the ideas are directly relevant and prove a deeper understanding of the prompt through detailed analysis.	
Organization and Transitions	No clear organization is evident with little to no advanced transitions.	Some organization is evident, although ideas jump around. The introduction and conclusion are unclear in parts.	Most of the essay is organized. The introduction and conclusion are strong in some areas.	Great organization, ideas are logically ordered, and introduction and conclusion are fully developed.	
Quality of Details/Quotes (1 quote in each body paragraph)	There are few to no quotes included in this essay.	Some quotes are included in the essay, and some are documented incorrectly in MLA format.	Some details are non-supporting to the subject although they are documented correctly in MLA format.	Supporting quotes and details are specific to the subject. All quotes are blended into writing and documented correctly in MLA format.	
Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (Use the comma correctly, write in third person, and write in present tense.)	Frequent grammar/ spelling errors	Some errors in grammar and spelling. Multiple errors in punctuation.	Minor errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation.	Writer obviously spent time editing the essay; Essay has none to few errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation.	
Word Choice	Needs descriptive words	Vocabulary is constant, weak verbs	Vocabulary is varied, supporting details need work	Vocabulary varied, supporting details vivid	
Thesis Statement	There are less than three points in the thesis.	The topic is clear although the points are redundant or repetitive.	The topic is clear, and the thesis statement has three points although not all points are analytical.	Thesis statement is concise, has three points, emulates an appreciation for analyzing a text, and informs the reader.	

Total Points: _____ /60 _____ %