# Julius Caesar

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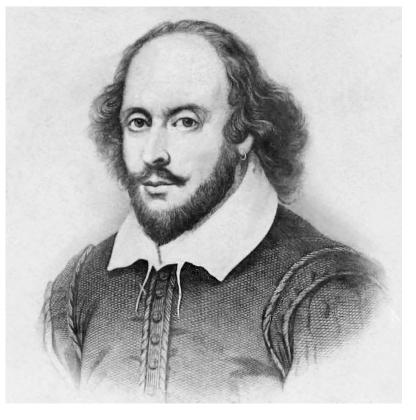
## Who was Julius Caesar?

Julius Caesar, was a Roman politician, military general, and historian who played a big role in the events that led to the downfall of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Roman Empire.



#### Who was William Shakespeare?

William Shakespeare is one of the most famous playwrights and poets of all time. His plays and poetry is known all over the world and are some of the most famous plays and poems ever written. His poems and plays were so well known, but his personal life is and unknown topic to the outside world.



## Ancient Roman Government Structure

The ancient roman government was made up mostly by the citizens in Rome. The members of the senate were elected by the consuls. The citizens of Rome would usually gather in an assembly to elect their government officials. The number of senators varied based on different rulers decisions. On top of all that the ruler of Rome was at the top of the ancient roman government structure.



#### **Ancient Roman Social Customs**

The children studied reading, writing, and counting. They read scrolls and books. They wrote on boards covered with wax, and used pebbles to do math problems. Before the Imperial Age, in early Roman times, families were organized like mini Greek city-states. Everybody in one family lived in one house, including the great grandparents, grandparents, parents, and children. The head of the family was the oldest male. The usual dishes of Roman foods were peacock brains, pike livers, cock crests, lark tongues, bear, and lion. Also, served for breakfast were cold meats, eggs, veggies, and bread. Herbs and spices were in their meals to have meals that were spicy and sweet. Roman girls were allowed to marry at the age of 12, but most waited until they became 14. The young Romans did not have a lot of choice about whom they married. Parents made the choice, and they were often for business, political or social reasons.

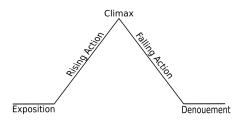
## What is a Tragic Hero?

• Usually of noble birth.



- Has a tragic flaw that eventually leads to his downfall.
- Experiences a reversal of fortune brought about by the hero's tragic flaw.
- His actions result in an increase of self-awareness and self-knowledge.
- The audience must feel pity and fear for the character .

# Freytag's Pyramid



Freytag's Pyramid was created by Gustav Freytag in 1863 to identify the different parts of a story.

- Exposition—Exposition introduces the audience to the story by giving information about the setting, characters, and a general sense of the upcoming story.
- Rising Action—Rising action takes up the largest section of most works of literature. Rising action is comprised of many important events that lead up to the climax. These events present conflicts and challenges for the protagonist to deal with.
- Climax—The climax, as explained above, is the point of highest tension. All of the events in the story have been leading to this moment and after the climax nothing can be the same for the characters in the story.
- Falling Action—Falling action may contain some final moment of suspense. Usually, falling action takes up only a short amount of space in the work of literature.
- Denouement—In this final aspect of a work of literature the main conflict is resolved, whether for better or for worse. The conclusion to the story occurs in this part.

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