Julius Caesar Project

*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* newspaper project 274 pts

**Objective:** To create a newspaper with at least ten different sections. If you need to research anything, feel free, but you will have to cite anything that comes from a source that is not the play in the book. You will be graded on the amount of information from the play, the accuracy of the information, creativity, correct use of language, and correct mechanics. The following sections are as follows:

Each Newspaper should include the following:

1. Headlines and article/articles reporting the death of Caesar. Tell who killed Caesar. (Be specific. Do not just say the conspirators. List their names!) Tell why Caesar was killed and where he was killed. Reference the public speeches of Brutus and Antony.
2. Obituary Page including obituaries for Brutus, Caesar and Cassius
3. Interview with Brutus
4. Interview with Antony
5. Interview with another character of your choice from the play
6. Cartoon(s)
7. Crossword Puzzle
8. Sports Page (research the most popular Roman sports)
9. Cooking/Recipe (research Italian food or the Mediterranean diet)
10. Article of your choice
11. Become a political correspondent and write about the political unrest in Rome
12. Write and article for the social pages about two couples in the play.
15. Create a fashion layout for the fashions worn to the Lupercal Games.
16. Become a meteorologist and describe the weather the night before Caesar was killed.
17. Write a letter to the editor protesting the assassination.
18. Write a letter to the editor defending Julius Caesar.
19. Write a letter to the editor defending the conspirators.
20. Write an editorial about the political situation in Rome.
21. Become a business reporter and write about how the assassination has affected the country.
22. Create a political cartoon dealing with the power struggle.
23. Create a political cartoon dealing with Caesar’s actions at the Lupercal games
24. Create a spotlight column on Brutus.
25. Create a spotlight column on Anthony.
26. Create a spotlight column on Cassius
27. Write a tribute to Portia.
28. Write a column on portents in the play.
29. Write an editorial about the many mistakes of Brutus.
30. Interview Cassius and Octavius about their battle plans.
31. Interview Brutus and Antony about their battle plans.
32. Become the augurer and interpret the findings of the chicken
33. Interview the Soothsayer for his reactions
34. Interview an average Roman citizen on the street for his reactions to the political unrest

Create a name for your newspaper and include artwork. Your name should appear as editor on the front page of the paper. Make sure to date the newspaper. Make this neat, colorful, and informative. Everything in this project must be about Julius Caesar, Rome, the Roman Empire, and Roman festivities.

If you have Microsoft Office, Publisher is an easy program to help format your paper. If you do not have Publisher, the columns can be created in Microsoft Word. Remember that staining the paper will create an authentic appearance. Be creative and have fun “reporting” on the world of Caesar and Rome.

The Newspaper project will be due ________________ . The newspapers will not be accepted after this date. Good Luck!

You will be graded on the following:

10 Articles - Each article is worth 20 points apiece – Choosing to have less will result in appropriate deflation of grading. Example of the following - Total Points 200

10 at 20 points a piece = 200 points
9 at 20 points a piece = 180 points
8 at 20 points a piece = 160 points
7 at 20 points a piece = 140 points
6 at 20 points a piece = 120 points
5 at 20 points a piece = 100 points
4 at 20 points a piece = 80 points
3 at 20 points a piece = 60 points
2 at 20 points a piece = 40 points
1 at 20 points a piece = 20 points

Grammar and Mechanics - Total Points 50
Take the responsibility to check over and edit your final copy. Double and triple check grammar and sentence structure. Make sure the stories are complete and not VAGUE GENERALIZATIONS!!!

Creativity and Neatness - Total Points 25
Think about the various kinds of news sources - paper or electronic – choose a format that appeals to you as the writer/editor. Your newspaper should show effort and attention to detail. How much detail can you add to your project, not just in the written form. Your project should reflect the time and effort you put into it. Let the project reflect you.