



SANTA CRUZ
SHAKESPEARE
EDUCATION PROGRAM

JULIUS CAESAR

In this play, Shakespeare writes about leadership, friendship, morality, and how far one might go when one's political ideology is at odds with the rule of law. Below you will find resources to help teach this play to your students.



Leadership & A Global Stage

Funded by the National Endowment of the Arts, [EDSITEment!](#) created the following lesson plan for students learning Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*:

Students will analyze the text and performances of *Julius Caesar* to gain a better understanding of Roman politics, character motivations, and concepts of leadership and citizenry. Some guiding questions for this lesson are below:

- Are the leaders we have the leaders we need or want?
- Who has power in a republic?
- How does where and when a play is staged affect interpretations and meaning making?

This lesson includes multiple activities along with a lesson extension for further research.

Lesson Link: [Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: Leadership and a Global Stage](#)



Conspiracy & Power & The Mob

The following activities from the Royal Shakespeare Company invite students to learn about the power of persuasion. In the first activity titled "Conspiracy" students will look at the different motives and attitudes of Cassius and Brutus in their plan to assassinate Caesar.

In the next activity titled "Power and the Mob" students will be able to experience a mob mentality and will have the opportunity to try and sway their classmates to their position by creating their own rhetorical speech. Note that the RSC refers to the gathered citizens as a 'mob'. What connotations does that word carry? Is there anything in the text that suggests the word is accurate? Look through each of the scenes in which groups of citizens are gathered and assess what the general mood of that group is. Does it change? What makes those changes happen? Do the citizens of Rome have reason to express themselves the way they do, or are they

merely a plot device?

Lesson Link: [Conspiracy And Power And The Mob](#)



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