

British and European Literature
Summer Reading 2019
11th & 12th Grade

The purpose of summer reading is to enjoy some good stories as you relax over the summer. This year we will be reading British and European Literature. You are expected to read **three works**: *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare, **one** of the listed fantasy novels, and **one** free choice book. Feel free to use outside resources if you feel stuck with understanding the readings. However, make sure your writing is 100% you. The one assigned essay will demonstrate your abilities in reading and writing, so try your best.

Read one from each column below:

One Specific Work

Julius Caesar
by William Shakespeare

Fantasy Novels

- The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis or any book from *The Chronicles of Narnia Series*
- Any book from the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie

One free choice book

Any genre
At least 100 pages in length
You will be expected to report on your free choice book briefly in September.

Summer Reading Essay – *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare

Three to Five paragraph essay on Mark Antony's speech in Act 3, scene 2 of *Julius Caesar*. (There are four big parts to Antony's speech to the Roman crowd in this scene.) Mark Antony swayed the opinion of the whole Roman population with this speech. He changed their minds just by being clever with his language. How did he do this? Did he appeal to their emotions or to their logical thinking, or both? Did he make them feel angry? Or sad? Did he repeat any words or phrases for effect? Did he ask any rhetorical questions? In your essay, cite specific lines or passages that Antony uses.

Suggested Organization (Very Rough)

Introduction	a brief summary of the play, name and author, the topic (Mark Antony's cleverness)
Body Paragraph 1	One public speaking technique Antony used Several quotes How this affected the crowd
Body Paragraph 2	Another public speaking technique Antony used Several quotes How this affected the crowd
Body Paragraph 3	Another public speaking technique Antony used Several quotes How this affected the crowd
Conclusion	Review your topic and points Mention what the crowd did when Antony had finished speaking Connect to current national politics or world politics

You can refer to the list of public speaking techniques that Mark Antony used.



How Your Summer Reading Essay Will Be Graded

Name _____

Is your essay organized?

You will receive a separate grade for pre-writing organization. Use 2 column notes, a graphic organizer of your choice, or an outline. But you must turn in evidence of pre-writing organization.

Did you focus on the topic?

(How did Mark Antony sway the sentiment of all of Rome with just his words?)

You should focus on the topic – Mark Antony’s language and speaking techniques. Other than a brief synopsis, your essay should not be a summary of the play, Caesar’s life, or the outcome of his assassination.

Did you quote lines from the play?

Your essay is about Mark Antony’s speech in Act III, so most of your quotes should be from this speech. They should be good examples of his techniques. (repetition, appeals to emotion and logic, rhetorical questions)

Did you edit your writing so that it had few errors in spelling and punctuation?

Please.

Public Speaking/Persuasive/ Rhetorical Techniques

- **Repetition** (repeating a word or phrase for effect)
(“I have a dream.”)
- **Parallel Structure** Similar wording/same sentence structure with different words
(“We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground”)
- Asking a **rhetorical question**
(You already know the answer.)
- Using “**charged words**”
(words that evoke a strong picture or strong reaction)
- **Allusion** reference to a famous person or thing
 - An appeal to people’s **Emotions**
 - An appeal to people’s **Logical Reasoning**