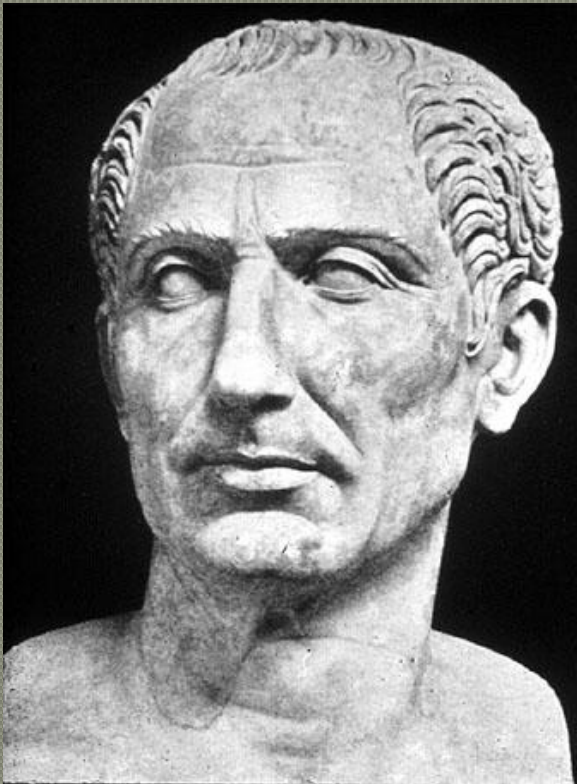


Julius Caesar



By: William Shakespeare

Tragedy

- Therefore, be prepared for death, conflict, and tears.



Set in Italy



The play took place in Italy.

People's Beliefs of the Time

- People believed that you should abide by the laws and obey the leaders even if they were unjust
- They thought overthrowing leaders would result in chaos
- Nevertheless, some people overthrew Caesar!

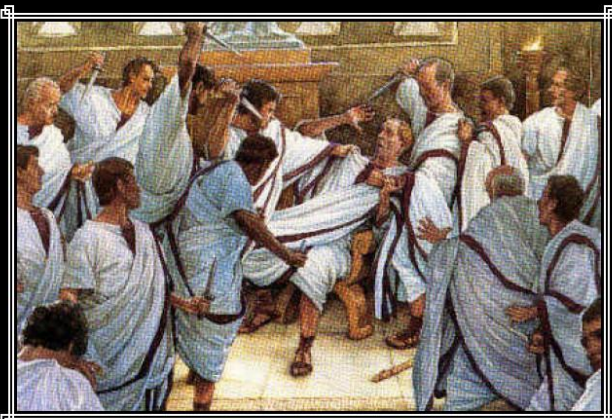
Who was Caesar?

- Successful but ambitious leader of Rome
- He charmed the crowds in the Forum with speeches.
- Threw lavish parties for influential politicians
- Very popular because he had conquered others lands



Who was Caesar?

- Wanted to be a dictator for life – a king with absolute power for life.
- Caesar was warned about “The Ides of March” which means March 15th.



THE IDES OF MARCH

Beware them.

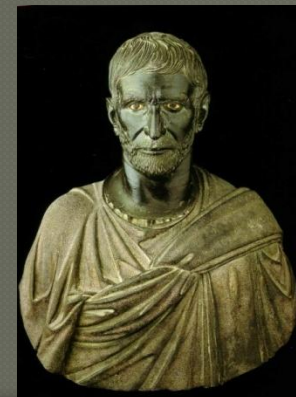
What happened?

- His friend, Brutus, stabbed him in the back and....he NEVER saw it coming.
- He was killed 44 B.C; however, Shakespeare lived hundreds of years later in 1616.



So who is Brutus?

- A well respected Roman senator who really was NOT power hungry
- He thought it was in the best interest of Rome to kill Caesar to maintain the republic.
- Rome was a republic where people elected leaders.

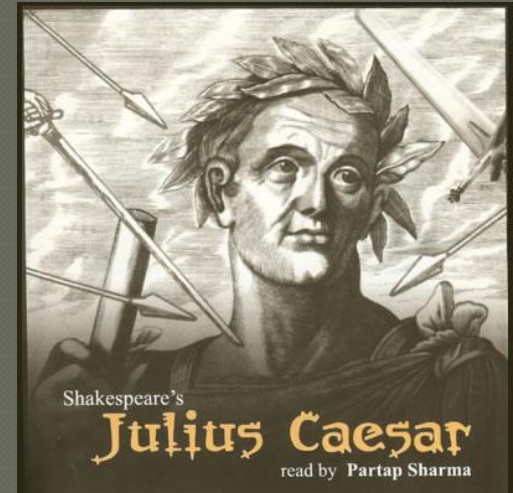


So who is Brutus?

- They were used to having checks and balances like we have with our government.
- HOWEVER, IF Caesar got his wish, the republic would be dead.
- Brutus actually DID love Caesar BUT killed him. (freaky huh?)
- He said, “It’s not that I loved Caesar less, it was that I loved Rome more.”
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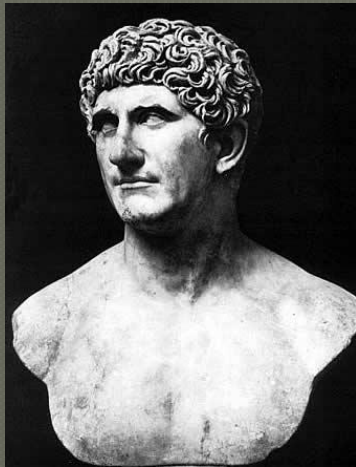
Things go from BAD to WORSE!

- Killing Caesar was NOT an easy call.
- Some people loved him and all the good he did.
- Others feared what he would do with absolute power and changing the entire foundation of the government



As a result...

- CIVIL WAR erupted led by Marc Antony



The Play...

- This play is filled with irony, conflict, deception and betrayal!

