

Pre-reading Big ?'s / Mini Essays

50 pts

This assignment is done INDIVIDUALLY. Select TWO topics (big questions) below which is INDIRECTLY related to the play *Julius Caesar*. Create a well developed (6-7 sentence) paragraph taking a stand FOR or AGAINST this statement. Provide REASONING and specifics to back up your stance.

Label it JC mini essay and have in your Google docs folder.

BOLD your BEST paragraph.

- Type OR very neatly write. (pts will be taken off if it is messy)
- PROOF carefully
- Vary sentence structure and use transitions. AVOID short, choppy sentences
- Provide specifics and be persuasive.
- Do NOT even think of putting finishing touches on it tomorrow when you walk in the door.
- Label w/ your full name and hour – NO partners
- You **may** use personal references and contractions

Select your topic

1. Political leaders usually act in the best interest of their countries.
2. If a political leader has done something wrong, it is all right to get rid of him or her by whatever means necessary.
3. "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."
4. In certain situations it may be justified for a political leader to bend or break the law for the good of the country.
5. People should never compromise their ideals or beliefs.
6. "My country right or wrong" is not just a slogan; it is every citizen's patriotic duty.
7. No cause, political or otherwise, is worth dying for.
8. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant taste of death but once."
9. "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is [often buried] with their bones."

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