

Julius Caesar: Loyalty, Betrayal, Friendship, and Conscience

Directions: Answer **EACH** question below in at **least three (2-3) complete sentences** before we begin discussing these ideas in class and how each is related to Shakespeare's play, *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*.

What does it mean to be loyal? How does one prove his or her loyalty?

Which loyalty is more important: Loyalty to friends, loyalty to country, or loyalty to yourself?

What does it mean to be a friend?

Why do people betray those close to them? How can one stab a friend in the back?

Does it matter if you betray someone you don't like or do not know? Why or why not?

Would you ever betray your best friend? A relative? Your country? Why or why not?

What role does conscience (knowing what is right and wrong) play in your decisions?

Can one's conscience ever be wrong? Use examples.

What are the effects of going against one's conscience?

What does it mean to have a guilty conscience? How does a guilty conscience affect a person's actions, thoughts, or life in general?