

ENGLISH 10

December 9th



Writing Assessment #2

**Making a Claim:
Brutus' Decision**

Instructions

1. For this assessment, write an Argumentative Essay, including the following elements:
 - A. The Argumentative Organization / Format that you've practiced
 1. make a claim based on the following prompt and make sure to take a side on the issue
 2. remember to include and address arguments that are counter to your position
 - B. Use complete sentences, formal style, and appropriate grammar and conventions
 - C. Include quotations and events from the text as evidence to support your argument

Prompt

Based on your reading of Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, write a well-organized, argumentative essay in which you decide if Brutus chose correctly when he decided to betray and kill his friend, Caesar, to defend his country, Rome.

A reminder of the essay writing process

1. Analyze the prompt.
2. Brainstorm possible claims and evidence that matches those claims
3. Discuss your claims and evidence.
4. Create an initial claim statement (thesis)
5. Organize the evidence and support for that claim statement.
6. Write a clear thesis statement based on your claim statement.
(check and share)
7. Identify primary counter-claims to your thesis statement.
8. Write your introductory paragraph. (Draft)
9. Write a counter-claim (antithesis) paragraph. (Draft)
10. Write at least two supporting paragraphs. (Draft)
11. Write a concluding paragraph. (Draft)
12. Revise your essay for ideas, transitions, and fluency.
13. Edit your essay for grammar, usage, mechanics, spelling and format.

T.A.K.

- **What is the topic for this essay?**
- **Who is the audience for this essay?**
- **What key words let you know what must appear in this essay?**
- **Turn the prompt into a question.**

Brainstorm/Research T-chart

<p>Reasons that Brutus is correct to kill Caesar</p>	<p>Reasons that Brutus is wrong to kill Caesar</p>
<p>• Caesar demonstrates his ambitious power when he has Flavius and Murellus put to death (1.2.280-281).</p>	<p>• Brutus has no reason to hate or fear Caesar currently- he only fears what “might” happen and that Caesar might be dangerous if he were king (2.1.11-17).</p>

<u>Brutus DID the right thing...</u>		<u>Brutus DID NOT do the right thing...</u>	
<p>Think of the abuse of power</p> <p>Act 1, Scene 2 Lines 12-24 Lines 79-83 Lines 90-161</p>	<p>Lines 249-254 Lines 280-281</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 2, Scene 1 Lines 10-34 • Act 3 Brutus' funeral speech 	<p>Think of friendship and manipulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 1, Scene 2 Line 83 Lines 220-230 Lines 303-317 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 2, Scene 1 Lines 10-11 • Act 3 Antony's funeral speech