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## **Julius Caesar**

### **by - William Shakespeare**

- 'Julius Caesar' is a historical play as it deals with the historical events that took place in ancient Rome between 44 BC and 42 BC.
  - After his death, Caesar is a potential force to reckon with.
  - The characters in the play, namely Julius Caesar, Brutus, Cains Cassius, Mark Antony and others are all historical persons who actually existed in Rome.
  - But it is important to note that a dramatist often takes liberties with history.
  - It is generally believed that 'Julius Caesar' was written by Shakespeare in 1598-99.
  - Caesar's wife Calpurnia sees a bad dream and asks Caesar not to go the Capitol.
  - Most unnatural and horrid sights were seen by the watchman.
  - A lioness gave birth in the streets. The sky rained blood on the Capitol. Graves opened and dead bodies came out of the graves.
  - Fiery warriors fought on the clouds and ghosts wandered and shrieked.
  - Decius Brutus comes to take Caesar to the senate-house where the conspirators are in ambush to murder Caesar.
  - Lusty Romans were bathing their hands in Caesar's blood.
  - The conspirators cry. "Liberty! Freedom! Tyranny id Dead!"
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