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**English 10 A**

***Julius Caesar* Unit**

**Argumentative Paper**

You will be writing an argumentative paper in which you take a position on the following prompt. This handout will help you prepare for the paper and help you to understand what goes into it.

Prompt: Both Marcus Brutus and Mark Antony speak after Julius Caesar is assassinated. Both men give persuasive speeches to try and convince the people of his point-of-view. Using your knowledge of the rhetorical strategies and your understanding of the speeches, who delivered a more effective speech, Brutus or Antony?

You will make a claim on whose speech is more effective and cite the text to back up your claim.

Paper Outline:

1. **Introduction**
   1. Introduce the play: title in italics, author, brief summary
   2. Discuss the speeches: the context of the speeches, point each speaker wants to make
   3. Claim – State who makes the more effective speech using which rhetorical strategies
2. **Counter-Claim**
   1. Analysis what strategy the other speaker uses well
   2. Explain the point he makes
   3. Quote from the speech that makes this point, with citation (III.ii)
   4. Explanation of the quote in your own words
   5. Purpose of this rhetorical strategy
3. **Evidence 1**
   1. Example of rhetorical strategy the more effective speaker uses well
   2. Explain the point he makes
   3. Quote from the speech that makes this point, with citation (III.ii)
   4. Explanation of the quote in your own words
   5. Purpose of this rhetorical strategy
4. **Evidence 2**
   1. Example of another rhetorical strategy the more effective speaker uses well
   2. Explain the point he makes
   3. Quote from the speech that makes this point, with citation (III.ii)
   4. Explanation of the quote in your own words
   5. Purpose of this rhetorical strategy
5. **Conclusion** 
   1. Restate the claim
   2. Summary of what makes the more effective speech so effective