

## Caesar Act I Paraphrase Assignment

### LA 10

To paraphrase means to restate something in your own language. It is a critical skill since it requires a reader to really understand the original language very well before he/she can restate it. The key to good paraphrasing is as follows:

1. Read very carefully, and more than once
2. Look up words you do not know
3. Make use of the footnotes in the margins of the text
4. Look for major ideas; do NOT try to translate passages word for word or even sentence to sentence. Figure out the main ideas and then simply put them in your own words so it sounds like you, not Shakespeare.

**Directions: for each speech below, write a clear, thorough paraphrase that includes all of the main ideas in the speech.**

1. Act I, Scene 1, Lines 28-55: Marellus's speech
2. Act I, Scene 1, Lines 68-75: Flavius's speech
3. Act I Scene 2, Lines 32-36: Cassius's speech
4. Act I, Scene 2, Lines 37-47: Brutus's speech