

Year 12 Bridging Task

You should complete these tasks ahead of September so that you are ready to embark on your journey in Classics!

Task 1

Find out the names of the 12 Olympian Gods and what they are Gods of.

Who were Gaea and Ouranos?

Task 2

Find definitions of the following words that you will need to help you grasp and understand the concepts presented in the texts we will study.

Pathos

Bathos

Epithet

Fate

Xenia

Kleos

Oikos

Task 3

Research Julius Caesar and do a short 'profile' of him as a significant figure in History.

Who was he?

What did he achieve?

Why is he so famous?

What was his legacy?

How was he perceived by others?

Task 4

The following speech is taken from Shakespeare's play, *Julius Caesar* in the aftermath of Caesar's death.

- What can you infer from this speech about how Marc Anthony saw Caesar?
- How is Caesar remembered here?
- Why do you think Shakespeare wrote a play about Julius Caesar?

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.
The evil that men do lives after them;
The good is oft interred with their bones;1620
So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus
Hath told you Caesar was ambitious:
If it were so, it was a grievous fault,
And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it.
Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest—1625
For Brutus is an honourable man;
So are they all, all honourable men—
Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.
He was my friend, faithful and just to me:
But Brutus says he was ambitious;1630
And Brutus is an honourable man.
He hath brought many captives home to Rome
Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill:
Did this in Caesar seem ambitious?
When that the poor have cried, Caesar hath wept:1635
Ambition should be made of sterner stuff:
Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
You all did see that on the Lupercal
I thrice presented him a kingly crown,1640
Which he did thrice refuse: was this ambition?
Yet Brutus says he was ambitious;
And, sure, he is an honourable man.
I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke,
But here I am to speak what I do know.1645
You all did love him once, not without cause:
What cause withholds you then, to mourn for him?
O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,1650
And I must pause till it come back to me

