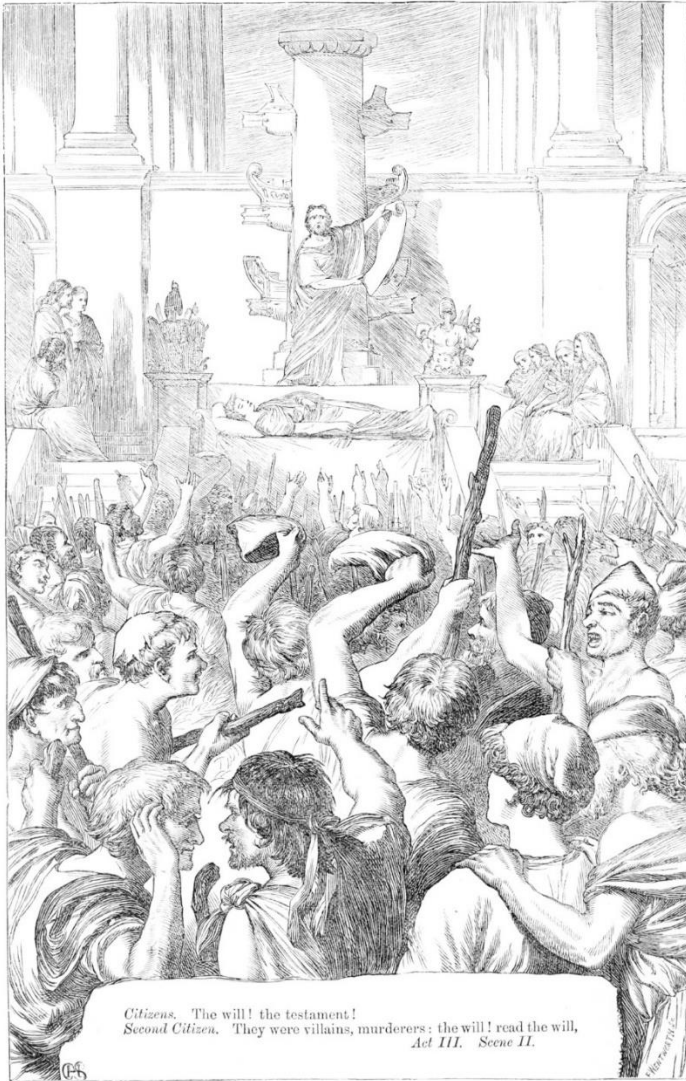




Dr. Stapleton W233 Topic Proposal Rationale

Write a brief essay that tells us what your interests are, personal as well as academic, and how they might guide you into a topic for your research essay. This exercise will come out better if you do these things:

- ✚ explain what you want to know more about
- ✚ formulate some questions you might ask yourself as guides to research
- ✚ tell us what kinds of research you've done before
- ✚ let us know what is likely to keep your interest as you pursue your topic
- ✚ how do you plan to arouse and maintain your audience's interest?

Read Ballenger, "The Importance of Getting Curious" (*Curious Researcher* 21-29).

This assignment is a good way to get started on your research proposal.

Due 18 May, 9 a.m., 2 pp.