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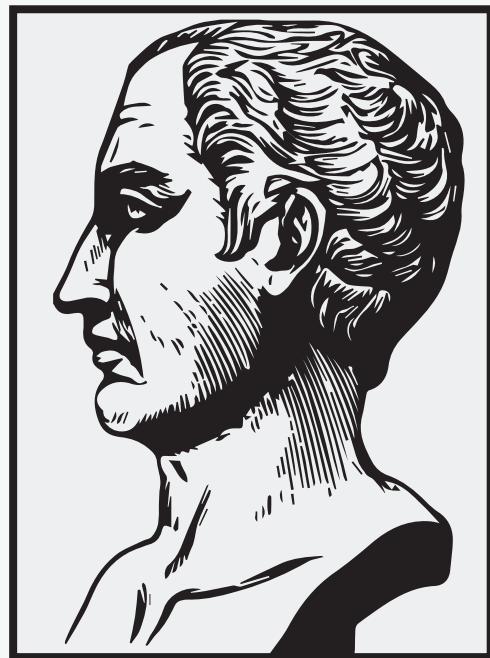
— CAESAR KILLED! —



Rome awakes in a state of shock this morning, following the awful events of yesterday. In the busy city centre, our powerful leader, Julius Caesar, was viciously stabbed to death outside the Temple of Pompey.

The horrific murder occurs after Caesar was appointed to the role of Consul. Caesar was unpopular with some members of the Senate, but nobody could have seen this coming when he entered Rome on a fine, white horse earlier in the week. The local people threw a huge party in his honour. Caesar attended with enthusiasm.

The villains responsible are senators Brutus and Cassius. Reports suggest that the murder was deliberate, with Brutus and Cassius waiting outside the Temple of Pompey to carry out the deed. In their defence, the two men claim that they were angered by Caesar's arrogance, so they quickly rushed towards him and stabbed him.



Spectators at the scene described hearing the murderers declaring liberty, peace and freedom! Screams of horror rose from the astounded and horrified crowds. But when the crowds looked around, the two murderers had fled.

Cicero Tiber reported that he had seen the men hurry past him covered in blood. It is well-known that Brutus and Cassius were concerned that Caesar wanted to be King and take over control of Rome. Supporters of Caesar have speculated that this is why they plotted to kill him.

Mark Anthony spoke to our reporter with tears in his eyes. He howled, "What a loss! Such a sad day."

Now, there will be great turmoil in Rome, as we discuss who will succeed Caesar as Consul.

Questions

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4. Read the second paragraph.

How did Caesar enter Rome earlier in the week? Tick the correct answer:

by train

by chariot

by horse

walking

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disappointed

love

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Answers

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Headline/date/quotations/facts and
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