

Caesar Act II 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. Talk it out with each other in the group
5. 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 II, Scene 1, Lines 10-34: Brutus's soliloquy
2. Act II, Scene 1, Lines 77-85: Brutus's soliloquy
3. Act II, Scene 1, Lines 144-49: Metellus's speech
4. Act II, Scene 1, Lines 163-83: Brutus's speech to other conspirators

This is going to be hard work, but if you work at it and work together, you will be successful.