

Making Words

Directions: Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET WORD all these letters make?

<p>Three-letter Words:</p>	<p>Four-Letter Words:</p>
<p>Five-letter Words:</p>	<p>Other words:</p>

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 25 words!

Total words

Do you know the secret words?

Unscramble these letters:

A	A	E	E	E	E	I	O	B	C	D	F	H	H	M	R	R	S	T	W
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Clue: This day comes after Pi day (you know, March 14th, 3.14, π , get it?) and is the day on which Cesar was assassinated. He should have listened to this warning...

<p>Weekend Due 3/13 & 3/14</p>

READ THE PASSAGE Pay attention to what happens to Julius Caesar and when it happens.

Beware the Ides of March

“Beware the ides of March!” According to ancient legend, that’s just what a fortuneteller told Julius Caesar, dictator of Rome, warning him to be careful on March 15. In 44 BC, the Roman Republic was at the height of power. With his army, Caesar had conquered what is now Spain, Greece, Egypt, and France. He had brought social reform to Rome, improving the lives of average citizens.

Although Caesar refused to be called “king,” he appointed himself dictator for life. Many Roman senators resented Caesar’s great power, though. They wanted Rome to remain a republic governed by a group of senators, as it had been for hundreds of years.

More than 60 people plotted against Caesar, led by Marcus Junius Brutus. Brutus was Caesar’s friend, but Brutus also wanted to restore the republic. On March 15, the ides of March, the plotters brought Caesar into a small room in the grand Theatre of Pompey in Rome. There, they attacked and stabbed him. Caesar ran out onto the steps of the theater. The senators followed him and killed him there.

Caesar’s death did not restore the republic, though. Generations of emperors followed him, ruling until Rome fell hundreds of years later.

SKILL PRACTICE Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer for each question.

- Based on the passage, which word best describes the Roman Republic in 44 BC?
 Ⓐ poor
 Ⓑ powerful
 Ⓒ intellectual
 Ⓓ disorganized
- Caesar’s actions showed that he _____.
 Ⓐ demanded to be treated like royalty
 Ⓑ was selfish and greedy
 Ⓒ was kind and mild-mannered
 Ⓓ was a great military leader
- Caesar’s assassination took place _____.
 Ⓐ in the Theatre of Pompey
 Ⓑ in what is now Spain
 Ⓒ in the Roman Coliseum
 Ⓓ in what is now France
- What was Brutus’s motivation for leading the plot against Caesar?
 Ⓐ He resented Caesar’s popularity with the people.
 Ⓑ He disagreed with Caesar about how to rule the republic.
 Ⓒ He was influenced by the fortuneteller.
 Ⓓ He was angry that Caesar conquered other places.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Describe what you visualize happening on the steps of the Theatre of Pompey.
