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English 10 • Unit 6: Persuasion • JULIUS CAESAR • Speech Analysis

Turning the Tide: Brutus

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING questions over Brutus's speech on page 1144 in your literature book.

1. Is Brutus sincere in his speech? What is the overall tone of the speech?
2. Shakespeare chose to write this speech in prose—why do you think he did this?
3. Find the rhetorical questions (there are *three* that are very prominent). What are they and how do they add persuasive elements?
4. How would you describe the style of the speech?
5. Does Brutus fulfill his purpose for delivering this speech?
6. What mistake does Brutus make in speaking first?