

Beware the Ides of March

Historical context

On March 15, 44 BCE, Caesar attended a meeting at the Senate and was assassinated. Prior to the meeting, an oracle warned Julius not to attend. The oracle told Caesar, "Beware the Ides of March". Julius replied, "He is a dreamer, let him pass".



Tasks:

- Pretend you are the **oracle** warning Caesar about March 15th.
- You are to write a letter to Julius Caesar warning him of the consequences of going to the Senate building on March 15th.
- The warning letter must be one paragraph (5 to 6 sentences).
- It will identify three causes and effects that led to his assassination.
- Use the **cause and effect graphic organizer** on the following page to help you organize your letter.
- Illustrate the warning.



**Identify the causes and effects that led to Caesar's assassination.
Give three examples.
Use page 234 in Our World as reference.**

Causes

Graphic Organizer

Effects

(Possible answers)

Caesar gave land to his soliders.
Caesar gave free grain to the poor.
Caesar increased the number of people in the Senate.
Caesar granted Roman citizenship to people not born in Rome.
Caesar changed the Roman calendar.

Senators were frightened of Caesar's popularity.
Senators were frightened of Caesar's power.
Senators felt that Caesar was destroying the traditions of the Roman Republic.
Senators thought Caesar was planning to become king.

Write a one paragraph letter to Julius Caesar.
The paragraph must give three causes and effects.
It should state the reasons why the Senate would assassinate Julius Caesar.

Model

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March 15, 44BCE

Dear Julius Caesar,

Do not go to work _____.

First, _____. Second, _____

Third, _____. The Senators want to assassinate you because

_____. Also, _____.

Finally, _____. If you go to the Senate, _____.

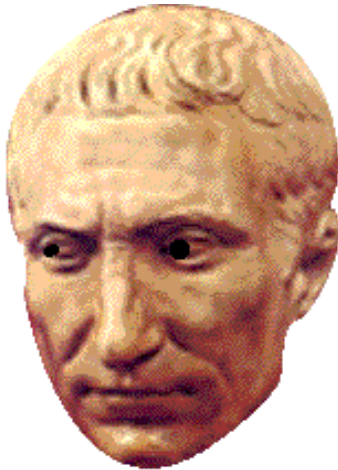
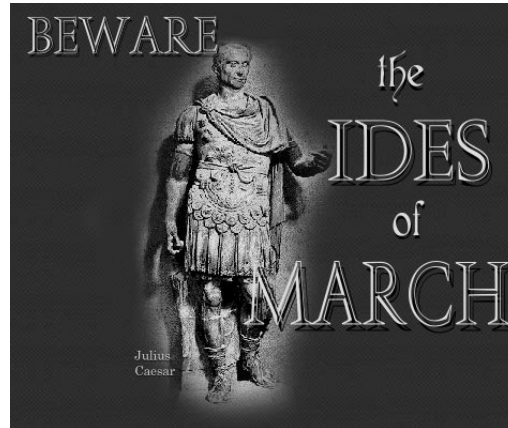
Stay home! Beware of your friends.

Sincerely,

The Oracle



Illustrate your letter



The oracle wants to show Caesar what will happen.

- You will illustrate one cause and effect or a consequence.
- The illustration will be on the letter given to Caesar.
- Please fold your paper in half.



How to organize your letter:

- divide your construction paper in half
- left side for illustration
- right side for letter

Illustration

"Beware the Ides of March"



Letter

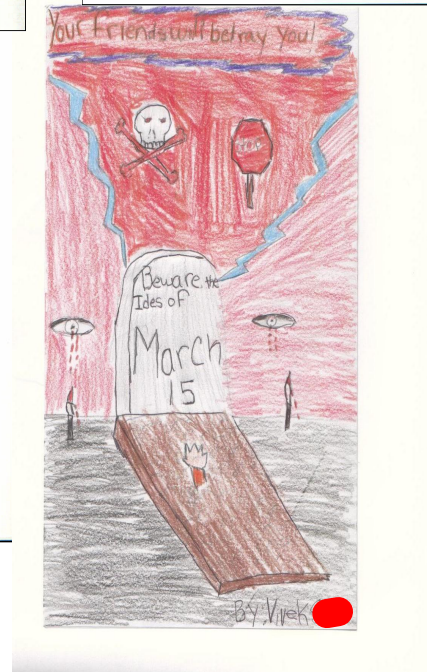
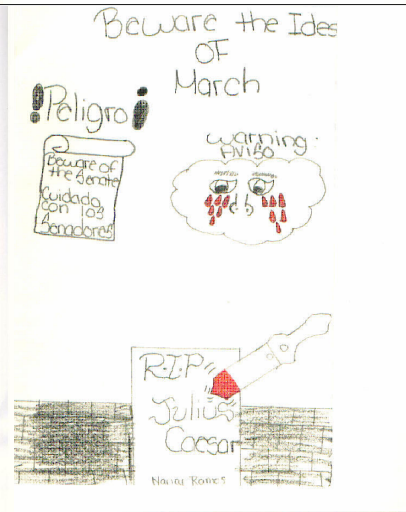
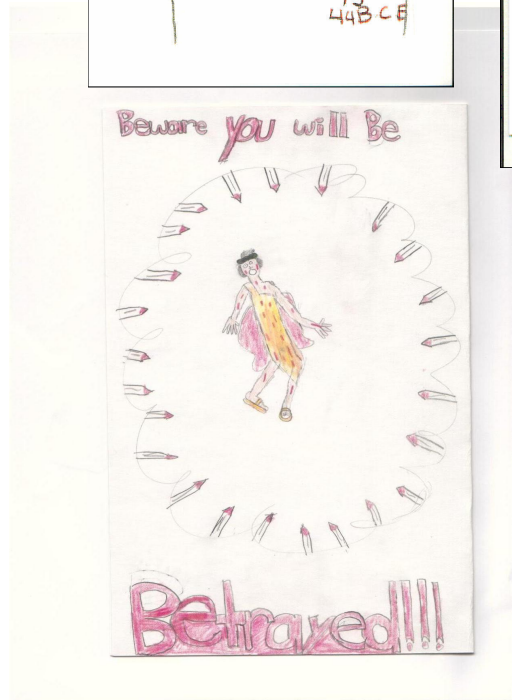
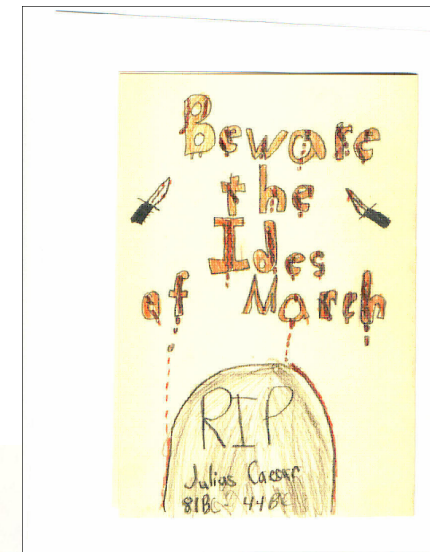
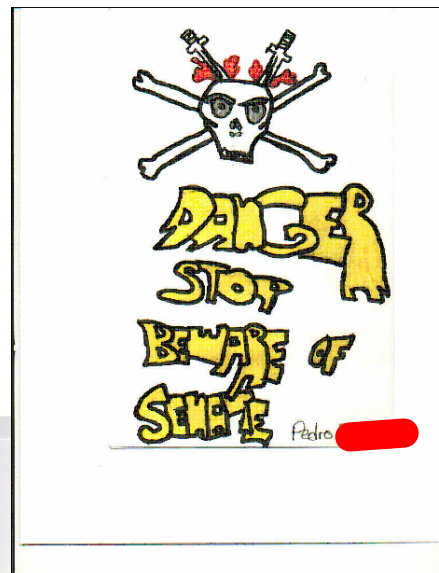
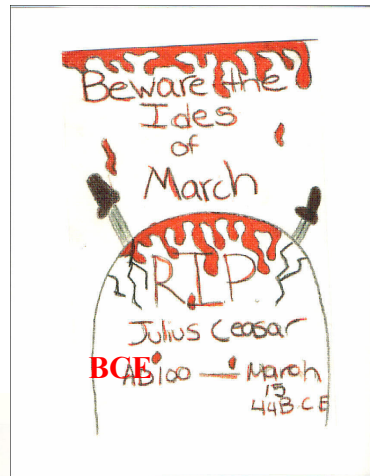
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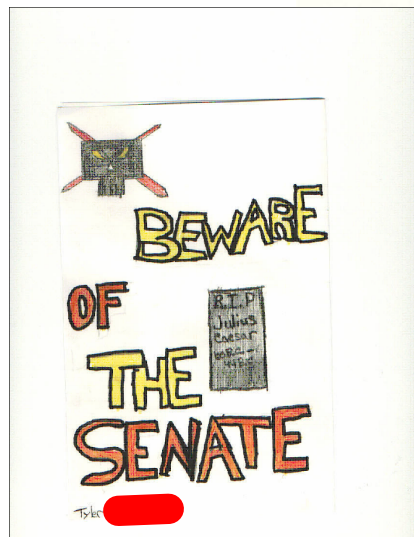
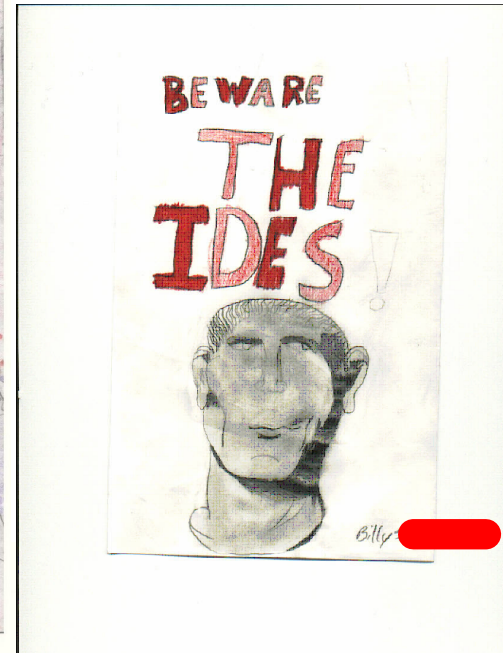
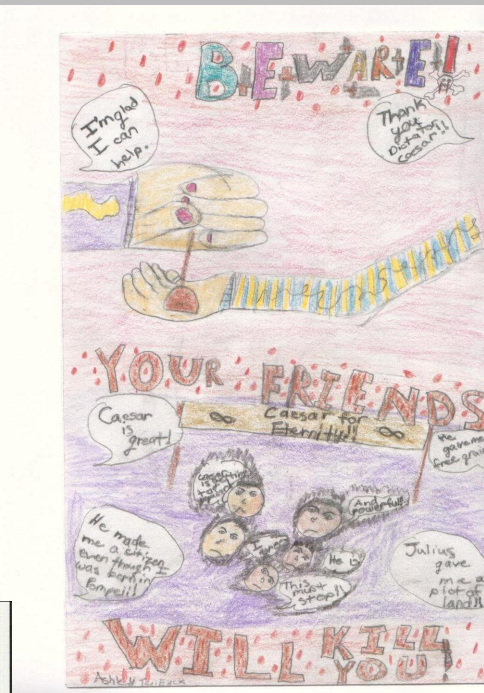
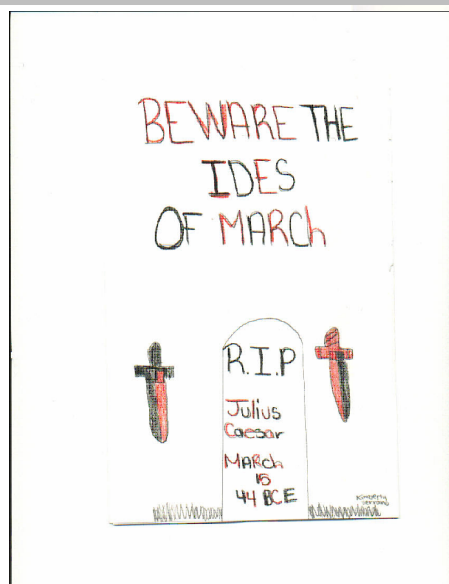
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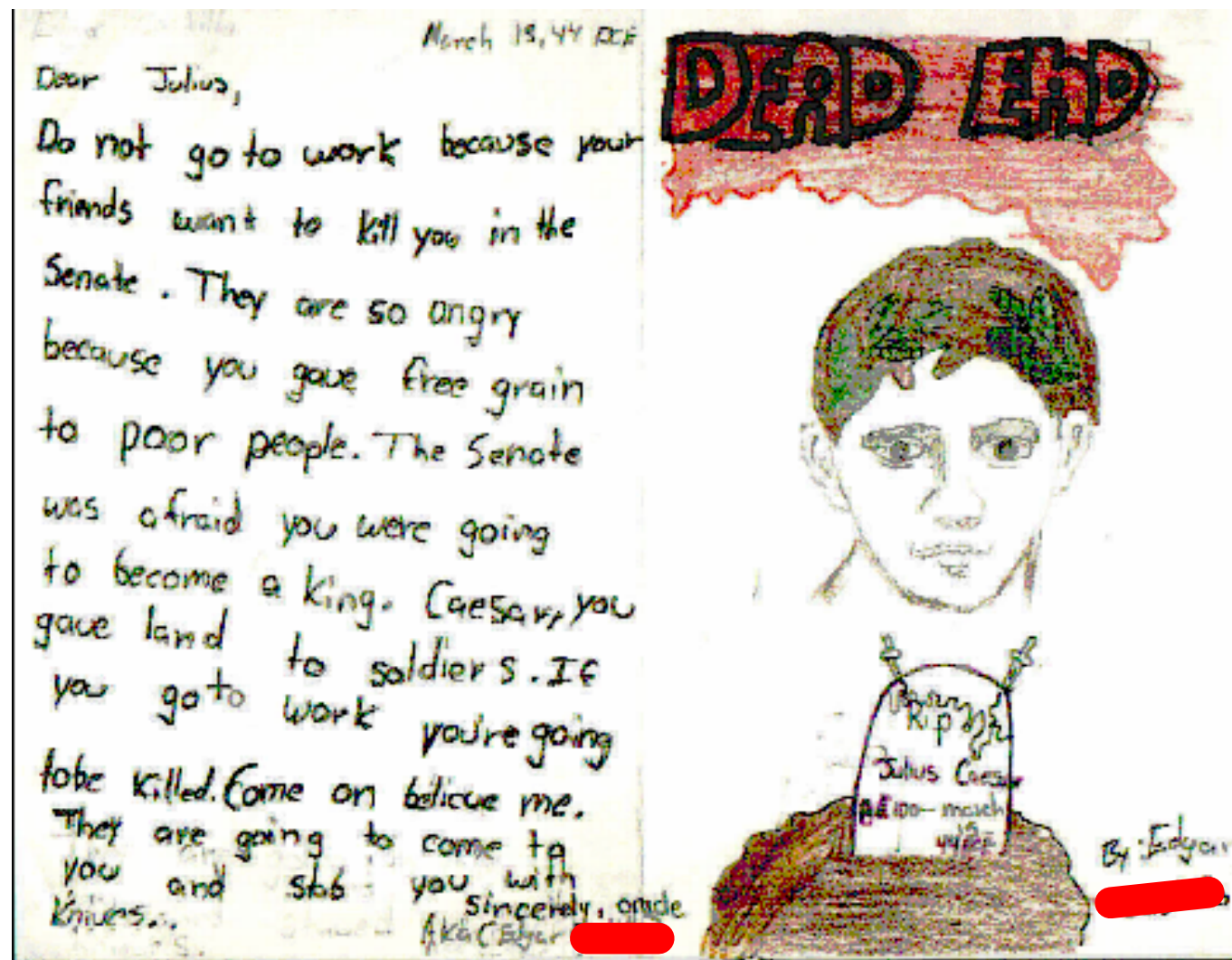
Sincerely,

The Oracle

Be creative in your illustrations.







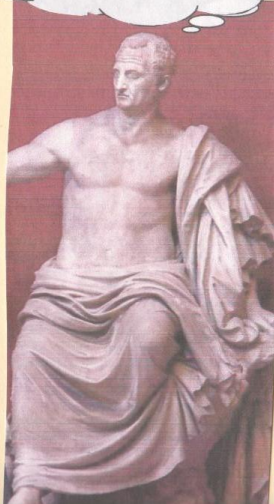
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You are giving grain to the poor.



The Senate thinks you will make yourself King.

HMMM.... SHALL I
MAKE MYSELF
KING ???



Dear Julius Caesar,

March 15, 44 BC

Do not go to work on March 15th. The Senate doesn't like that you made a new calendar and named a month after yourself. Second, the Senate is angry that you are giving land to your soldiers. Third, the Senate is annoyed you are giving free grain to the poor. The Senate feels you are destroying Roman traditions. The Senate thinks you'll make yourself King. The Senate also thinks you are too powerful and popular. Do not go to the meeting. Your friends will betray you.

Sincerely,

The Oracle

(AKA Beth [redacted])

Wait!

STOP!

Caution



Dedicated:

In Memory of Julius Caesar
100BC - 44BCE

by Deshawn

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rubric

A	The paragraph uses three causes and effects. The written information is clear, concise and well organized. There are no mistakes. The illustration is highly detailed with an eye-catching title.
B	The paragraph uses two causes and effects. Most of it is clear, concise and well organized. There are few mistakes. The illustration is detailed with an interesting title.
C	The paragraph uses one cause and effect. It is poorly written and confusing. It shows an illustration with a basic title.
D	The paragraph attempts to show cause and effect. It is mostly unclear and confusing. There are many mistakes. It attempts to show an illustration with a basic title.
F	no response/incomprehensible response. It is difficult to tell what the illustration shows.