JULIUS CAESAR – EXERCISES

1 **Answer the following questions in your own words.**

1. During which time did Julius Caesar live? _____

2. What kind of family did he come from ? _____
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3. What did Caesar do on Rhodes and what happened to him on his way there? _____
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4. What was his first job when he got back to Rome? _____
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5. What was the First Triumvirate? _____
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6. What was Caesar elected to in 59 B.C.? _____

7. What did Caesar do in Gaul?_____
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8. Who was Caesar's greatest rival? _____

9. What does the phrase "Veni, vidi, vici "mean ? _____
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10. What did Caesar become after he had defeated Pompey ? _____
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11. How did Julius Caesar die?_____
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2 **TRUE or FALSE?**

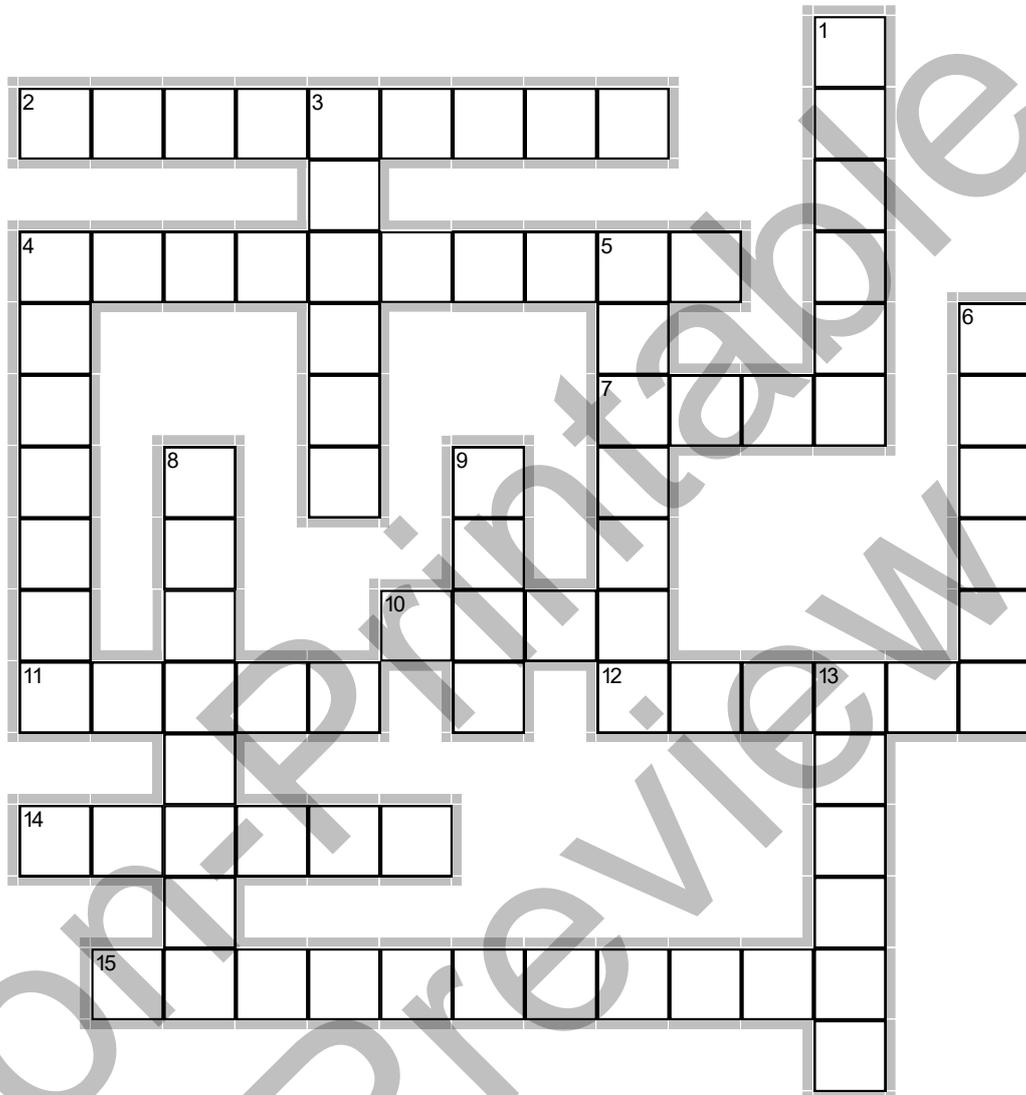|	T	F
Julius Caesar was a Roman general.		
He studied public speaking in Gaul.		
In Rome he first controlled the finances and organised games.		
Brutus helped to kill Caesar.		
Gaul was once a Roman province and is today's France.		
The month of June was named in honour of Caesar.		

3 **Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.**

A	capture			two or more people promise to do something
B	finances			a person who helps a politician or leader
C	found			someone who is in a high position in an organization or the government
D	agreement			a sharp, pointed knife used as a weapon
E	victory			a group of people who have the same language and traditions
F	officer			to catch a person and keep them as prisoner
G	rule			old; a long time ago
H	supporter			to affect the way a person grows up or what they become
I	popular			a group of ships that fight for a country
J	ancient			liked by many people
K	tribe			a secret plan by a group of people
L	triumvirate			everything that has to do with money
M	navy			to create or make something new
N	influence			an elected public official in ancient Rome
O	consul			a win against someone
P	conspiracy			three people who hold power
Q	dagger			to govern

4   **Crossword**

Across

2. a leader who is admired and respected by everyone
4. a secret plan by a group of people
7. a group of ships that fight for a country
10. another word for "*govern*"
11. to vote for someone
12. island in the Mediterranean Sea
14. a fight between armies in a war
15. group of three people who held power in Rome

Down

1. a person whom Caesar fought for power with
3. a group of countries controlled by one leader
4. to catch a person and keep them as prisoner
5. to take control of a country by fighting
6. person who killed Caesar
8. high Roman officer
9. Roman province which is today's France
13. short, pointed knife used as a weapon

5 **Complete the text with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.**

Julius Caesar was one of the most famous leaders in world **(1)** _____ . He came from a noble Roman family and grew up to be a brilliant **(2)** _____, as well as a clever politician and writer.

Caesar first became known as a military commander. He led Roman **(3)** _____ to conquer Gaul (modern-day France), which brought him much **(4)** _____ from his soldiers. However, his success made other leaders in Rome nervous. When he returned to Rome, he won a power struggle against his **(5)** _____ Pompey and set up a government with himself as a **(6)** _____ for life.

Caesar's power worried some senators who **(7)** _____ he wanted to become a king. On March 15, 44 BC, a group of his rivals led by Brutus **(8)** _____ him.

As a leader Caesar brought about some great **(9)** _____ for Rome. He helped the poor by giving them land and created jobs through building projects. In addition, he **(10)** _____ the Julian calendar , which is still used in some countries.

changes
dictator
elected
feared
general
history
introduced
murdered
respect
rival
senator
soldiers