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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. During which time did Julius Caesar live? **between 100 and 44 B.C,**
2. What kind of family did he come from ? **a noble upper-class family**
3. What did Caesar do on Rhodes and what happened to him on his way there? **he studied public speaking and was captured by pirates; he organized ships to fight against them**
4. What was his first job when he got back to Rome? **he became quaestor and controlled Roman finances**
5. What was the First Triumvirate? **three people (Crassus, Pompey and Caesar) who held power**
6. What was Caesar elected to in 59 B.C.? **consul**
7. What did Caesar do in Gaul? **he was a governor of the province**
8. Who was Caesar's greatest rival? **Pompey**
9. What does the phrase "Veni, vidi, vici "mean ? **I came, saw and conquered**
10. What did Caesar become after he had defeated Pompey? **permanent head of government; a kind of dictator**
11. How did Julius Caesar die ? **he was killed by Brutus**

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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.		✓

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

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

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) history**. He came from a noble Roman family and grew up to be a brilliant **(2) general**, as well as a clever politician and writer.

Caesar first became known as a military commander. He led Roman **(3) soldiers** to conquer Gaul (modern-day France), which brought him much **(4) respect** 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) rival** Pompey and set up a government with himself as a **(6) dictator** for life.

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

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

changes

dictator

elected

feared

general

history

introduced

murdered

respect

rival

senator

soldiers