

Student Essay on Julius Caesar- Manipulation of the Crowd

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Manipulation of the Crowd

Antony made a very good speech in front of crowd that was already in favor of conspirators. Antony's words were really stylish, he spoke with his emotion, and he used the paraphrase "honorable men" for conspirators many times with increasing bitterness.

Antony deals with the question of Caesar's Ambition, Antony reminded people that Caesar is the one who brought back the prisoners to Rome and he wept when poor cried and he thus proved that Brutus is wrong. "He hath brought many captives home to Rome" (Act III scene 2 line 86), "When that poor have cried, Caesar hath wept" (Act III scene 2 line 89). Antony showed his feeling towards Caesar's death and claimed that people of Rome do not have any feelings. This made people of Rome understand what Anthony is saying, the people were now starting to favor Antony.

Antony realized that the mob was starting to support him as he heard comments of the people; he now started to talk freely. Antony exited the people and he wanted to make them angry, so said that he found Caesar's and if they read it, they will kiss Caesar's wound and dip their handkerchief in his sacred blood. "And they would go and kiss dead Caesar's wounds, and dip their napkins in his sacred blood" (Act III scene 2 lines 130-131). Antony denied reading his will so that the mob gets more excited and angry at conspirators.

Antony showed Caesars dead body to people, he showed the wounds, he showed then a tear made by Brutus, he said Caesar loved Brutus and look what he has done now and said it was worst than a traitor's attack. He showed the place where Caesar died and this made people cry, he won hearts of people by his speech. Antony finally called the conspirators traitors and the crowd started to get angry at the conspirators.

Antony now read the will of Caesar since the crowd was supporting him. Antony announced that Caesar has left seventy five drachmas for each roman citizen, Caesar left his private parks, bower walks and many other things that made the people think that Caesar was a kind person.

Antony looked at the situation and talked accordingly. He made an excellent speech which made people think that Caesar was good and was killed by conspirators and now they are against conspirators.