Teacher: Today class, we are going to be learning about the assassination of Julius Caesar.

Student: Who was Julius Caesar?

Teacher: Caesar was a dictator of the Roman Republic. He would create new jobs, redistribute land from the rich to the poor, and he expanded the Senate, allowing Plebeians to now be part of it. He was one of the first three triumvirates. Does anyone know what a triumvirate is?

Student: Isn’t it just a group of leaders holding power together?

Teacher: Very good. Do you know how many?

Student: Three?

Teacher: Correct. Caesar was a bit of a “player” back in the day. He was married to Calpurnia, but he wanted to divorce her for Cleopatra who he truly loved.

Student: Did he end up divorcing her for Cleopatra?

Teacher: Good question. I believe so. I’m not sure he had so much time with her though because he was killed on March 15, 44 B.C.E. by 3 senates. The leader was Marcus Junius Brutus and an accomplice was Gaius Cassius. The group of people who killed him was called Liberators.

Student: How was he killed?

Teacher: Caesar was stabbed to death right below the throat. They found just about 20 wounds from the stabbings.

Student: Why was he stabbed though?

Teacher: You are one step ahead of me! In 46 B.C. he was declared dictator for 10 years. He said he didn’t want to be like a king, but some thinks he did. People were scared of him. Therefore, they declared him dictator for life in 44 B.C. People didn’t like this. He began to take too much control. People didn’t like this. The senate came together and planned out his death. People from all around heard about this and tried to warn him but he didn’t believe them. He even got warnings from his wife but didn’t care. Right before he was killed, he was at war. A law in Rome was that you cannot bring your army into the city of Rome. He directly disobeyed them. This built on the reasons to kill him. Some say that they killed him because he was helping the poor too much.

Student: Why would that be bad that he was helping the poor?

Teacher: The rich people didn’t like it. They thought they don’t have the money to keep it, why help them. That isn’t fair.
Good question. Other people think he was killed because he was declared dictator for life, and they didn’t want that, but were too scared to do anything about it. After his death, the republic also died, and up raised the empire. Any questions?

Students: *silence*

Teacher: I take that as a no.

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What problems did Rome’s Expansion Bring?
Rome’s Crisis and Julius Caesar’s Power
Grab- Mrs. Robinson

This is a picture of the currency of Rome of the time with Caesar leading.

Here is a picture of Julius Caesar from ancient Rome
Questions:

Q: Did Caesar deserve to die? Explain

A:

Q: Why did they kill Caesar?

A: