Essay/Paper for Julius Caesar

MLA Format; typed; 1100-1500 words

Average sentence length: 13-15 words

Due date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic--Choose one of the following topics (or one generated in our group activity) and develop a thesis statement.

1. Inconsistent/unreliable morality in human beings
2. Tragic flaw and its consequences
3. The relationship between power and corruption
4. The power of rhetoric

* **Introductory Paragraph (approximately 6-8 sentences):**
* Begin with a general statement about your topic
* Expand on that statement (2-3 sentences)
* Transition to a more specific point (2-3 sentences) that connects your topic specifically to the work of literature being discussed
* Include TAG here (title, author, genre)
* Thesis must be clear, concise, and specific (not general/vague/broad)--it must not simply be a restatement of the topic. Thesis must be the last sentence of the paragraph.
* **Body of essay:**
* Your essay should develop three strong claims (arguments/points) that support your thesis statement.
* Develop each claim in 300-500 words.
* Organize your writing as you see fit into paragraphs (3-6 body paragraphs).

For each of your three claims, first,

* + State your claim in the form of a clear "topic sentence" that indicates to the reader what you will be discussing/proving in this paragraph. This should be the first (or second) sentence in your paragraph.
  + Provide some context relevant to the point you have just established.

Next,

* + - State your first supporting point ("sub-claim" that supports or develops your claim that you have stated at the opening of the paragraph.
    - Present your quote (or paraphrase) to continue to develop your point. Cite parenthetically (MLA).
    - Continue to develop an in-depth, incisive analysis of your point, keeping in mind your main claim for the paragraph as well as your thesis statement.
    - Your analysis should include an in-depth discussion on the author's use of one writing strategy that complements the claim you are discussing. Focus on one writing strategy per claim (total of three different writing strategies for the essay).
    - Present a strong concluding sentence that clearly supports your claim for the paragraph *and* your thesis statement.
* **Conclusion:**
* Restate your thesis using conclusive language.
* Synthesize the main points in your essay in relation to your thesis.
* Include an insightful closing statement on your topic.