

## 12. SHAKESPEARE'S ROMAN PLAYS

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### Readings

We will focus on Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* and *Coriolanus*; the Signet Classic editions are readily available, and each include interesting critical essays along with the play itself.

For those interested in further reading, two good books on Shakespeare's Rome are: Robert S. Miola, *Shakespeare's Rome* (Cambridge University Press, 1983) and Vivian Thomas, *Shakespeare's Roman Worlds* (Routledge, New York, 1989). These books have chapters on each of our two plays, plus discussions of other plays. All secondary readings are optional; our focus will be on the plays themselves.