

## SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDIES

- \* it will have a series of actions that will lead to a **catastrophe**, or a disastrous final outcome, that usually involves the **death** of many characters
- \* it will have the **downfall** of the main character, called the **tragic hero**.

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## THE TRAGIC HERO

- \* is of **high social rank**-- a king, a prince, or a general
- \* has a **tragic flaw**-- an error in judgment or a character defect--that ultimately leads to his or her downfall
- \* faces his or her downfall with **courage** and **dignity**

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\* Although Caesar was a military **dictator**, Rome was official considered a **Republic**

\* In a Republic, authority is derived through an **election** (by the people) of public **officials** best fitted to represent them.

\* In ancient Rome, the chief officials were the "**triumvirs**," the rulers who shared powers together

\* Next came the "**senators**," who represented nobility and landowners

\* Next came the "**tribunes**," who represented the common people

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## THE FEAST OF LUPERCAL

\* honored the **gods** Lupercus and Faunus and the twin brothers Romulus and Remus, the **legendary founders** of Rome.

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