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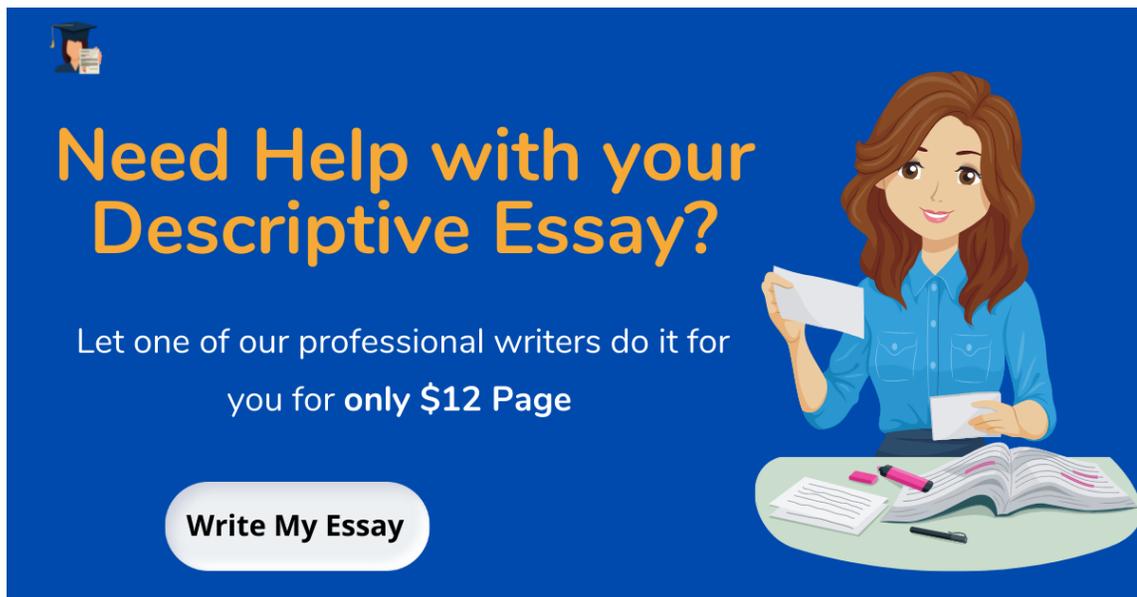
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The world, as we know it today, has been shaped by remarkable leaders and rulers who have reigned over the past millenniums. For instance, Caius Julius Caesar, a Roman leader who lived between 100 B.C and 44 B.C, stands as one of the most legendary rulers of his time. In fact, putting Julius Caesar's achievements as a military commander as well as his contributions to law and the calendar into perspective, it is arguable that today, more than two millenniums after his reign, the impacts of his leadership can still be felt.



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To begin with, Caesar's military prowess can be perceived as one that was ahead of its time. According to military-history.org (2021), in the military, the relationship between Caesar and his subject was one between a brilliant commander and an elite force. The fighting force, recruited from the citizen of Italy and the Romanized provinces, mainly constituted of volunteers and military veterans. Additionally, they used a refined weapons system that mainly consisted of the scutum, the pilum, and the gladius (military-history.org, 2021). The combination of an elite, disciplined, and free

willing force, and an advanced weapons system made Julius Caesar the greatest commander of the legions in the history of Rome.

Further, during his reign, Julius Caesar came up with some of the long-lived extortion laws of his era. Gill (2019) points out that in 59 B.C, Caesar enacted laws that established a limit to the number of gifts that magistrates could receive during their terms. Additionally, before a governor left office, it was required that all his accounts should be balanced. It is also worth pointing out that in the Gregorian calendar, Caesar was responsible for setting months with alternating 30 and 31 days with February having 29 days. Although Caesar's laws were followed for about five centuries after his reign, it is arguable that today's extortion laws heavily borrow from Caesar's laws. On the same note, the Gregorian calendar that is still in use today can be traced back to Caesar's reign.

In conclusion, Julius Caesar stands as one of the legendary leaders of all time. As discussed above, his prowess in military matters, his laws, and his impacts on the Gregorian calendar sets him as an outstanding ruler even by modern standards.

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