

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cleopatra



# Cleopatra and Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar was a Roman general and statesman. When he arrived in Egypt in 48 BC, Cleopatra had been removed from the palace and the Egyptian throne by her younger brother, Ptolemy XIII. But Cleopatra was determined to regain her rightful place as Pharaoh. She managed to get back into the palace by hiding in a rolled up carpet. There, she met with Julius Caesar and convinced him to help restore her to power.

Caesar's army vanquished Ptolemy's forces at the Battle of the Nile. While trying to escape, Cleopatra's brother drowned in the river, giving Cleopatra the chance she needed to reclaim the throne.

Cleopatra and Julius Caesar fell in love and had a child. Though Cleopatra visited Julius Caesar in Italy, she did not want Egypt to fall under Rome's rule. She preserved Egypt's independence, growing their economy and instituting trade with Arab countries. She was well-loved in Egypt, which thrived under her rule.

Cleopatra was never the sole ruler of Egypt, however. After sharing the throne with Ptolemy VIII, she co-ruled with another younger brother, Ptolemy XIV. Years later, after the death of Ptolemy XIV, she ruled alongside her son, Ptolemy Caesarion.

What role did Julius Caesar play in the restoration of Cleopatra to the Egyptian throne?

---

---

---

---

---