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Caligula Definition & Meaning |

He killed for no reason and started imposing strange laws, laws that stated you weren't to speak of goats around him because he was abnormally hairy, and the punishments for these crimes were usually torture or death. Caligula started on a downward spiral and soon started claiming divinity and killing on a whim. Caligula also had many unsuccessful military campaigns during his time. He also wished to place his horse on the roman consul, but was denied by the members of the senate. Caligula reigned for four years before he was killed by a squad of pretorian guards. His wife and daughter shared were killed along with him. Comparison to Macbeth -Both men suffered from nightmares that denied them sleep. Still it cried, sleep no more. For brave Macbeth-well he deserves that name. I have done the deed.

The usurpers cursed head:the time is free v,vii,84 4. Comparison to Macbeth -Both Killed any who they deemed a threat. We shall,my lord,perform what you command us. I b a charmed life. These articles state that you should act in a spirit of brotherhood towards one another, all people have the right to life, liberty and security of person, No person shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishments. A parent was forced to watch his son being executed and then invited to a celebration and forced to make fun of the execution. Article 9 states that no one will be subject to arbitrary arrest or exile. Caligula exiled people plenty of times. Human rights violations cont Article 10 states everyone is entitled to a public hearing.

Caligula never gave people hearings when he restored the treason trials Article 19 states everyone has the freedom of expression and opinion. If people spoke out against Caligula they would be hauled to jail to await their execution or would be tortured to death. Discussion Questions 1 Why do you think after Caligulas life and death experience would he become such a insane ruler?

Should he have been allowed? Open navigation menu. Close suggestions Search Search. User Settings. Skip carousel. Carousel Previous. The 3rd century historian Cassius Dio goes even further. He reports the Caligula sailed a little out to sea in a trireme before returning to shore, climbing a platform, sounding the battle trumpets, and ordering his men to collect sea-shells so they could display them back in Rome as spoils of war in a victory parade we know as the triumph. We have a good idea where this took place — on the coast of Northern France near the present town of Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Suetonius describes him as a hollow-eyed insomniac who would regularly converse with the moon. The biographer also tells us that Caligula shunned regular Roman dress for eccentric costumes, including Apollo, Venus, and even the Macedonian conqueror, Alexander the Great. Calling Caligula mad oversimplifies his behaviour. It takes away any blame from the senators who offered to worship him as a god, and who scraped to bend the knee and appease him. And we should always remember that it was precisely the people Caligula delighted in persecuting — the senatorial class — who left us the surviving history. Caligula was only 25 when he came to power, and although 25 was more than old enough for most aristocratic Romans to gain valuable military experience, Caligula had spent his teens and early twenties shut away on the island of Capri with Tiberius. What Caligula needed more than anything was a military victory.

Which is what he hoped to gain in Britain as he massed his forces on the shores of Northern France. What happened next is lost to history. But we can piece it together if we read between the lines. Britain held a special place in the Roman imagination. It was a mysterious, frightening island, home to Druids, warrior queens Boudica and fierce savages. Nevertheless, Caligula elevated himself above the senate by declaring himself a God. Later, that was less unusual — the emperor Domitian entitled himself Master and God — but at the time this seemed blasphemous and bizarre. In the Greek east, rulers were almost routinely deified, and the divine status of the Egyptian pharaohs had been adopted by their Macedonian successors. Caligula awarding himself the same status in Rome was only insane in the sense that it was a political gambit certain to fail. Caligula the God had the support of the people and the army, but was a political neophyte with a personality totally unsuited to fighting a senate of ruthless fixers hardened by savage, often fatal, political battles.

Senators had connections, clients and a hidden grip on the levers of power. Both sides in this struggle used any and all means at their disposal, but it was Caligula who was outmatched. One of the weapons of the senate was propaganda. In Roman political invective, mud was hurled with gleeful disregard for the truth, just to see what would stick. As for Caligula, the senate seized upon his claim of divinity and interpreted it as madness. They twisted every action of an emperor who was in any case young, headstrong and thoughtless, and simply invented other cases. Even the fact that his wife loved him was seen as evidence of his madness he allegedly threatened to torture her to discover why. Staying with family relations, the biographer Suetonius reports that Caligula enjoyed sex with his sisters during banquets while appalled guests looked on. Yet Suetonius wrote a century later, when the legend of Caligula as a lunatic had been well established.

By then, some believed he had become a sex-crazed madman because his wife had overdosed him with a love potion. The historian Tacitus was born 15 years after Caligula died. Unlike Suetonius, he scrupulously reports allegations as just that — allegations rather than fact — and he does not mention any such dinner party entertainment. Nor does the philosopher — and senator — Seneca, who actually knew Caligula. While Suetonius is fond of saying the emperor had people slaughtered by the dozen, he is curiously reticent about naming them.

Other writers, such as Appian and Plutarch, meticulously document the senators killed in the much bloodier purges of Sulla and the Triumvirs. But most of his other victims are dubious, like the gladiator who died of an infected wound after Caligula had visited him. So in all there are less than a dozen names. Compare this to hundreds killed by Augustus , dozens by Tiberius, and many more by Nero and Claudius, with most of their high-ranking victims carefully named. He and a group of ambassadors had travelled from Egypt to complain about the provincial governor, but Caligula was inspecting some mansions he had ordered so the unfortunate ambassadors had to run after him from room to room. Finally, Caligula ordered the breathless delegation to present their case.

He also inspected his buildings while he was at it. Secondly, we are told that early in his reign Caligula had a sudden impulse to visit the army in Germany and dashed to the frontier with none of the usual preparations. Once there, he decided to kill the army commander and various soldiers. In truth, that commander was a general of suspect loyalty whom Tiberius had earlier ordered to Rome. The general knew he faced execution on arrival there, so replied that if he came he would bring his army; he then remained in Germany. The move was bold, ruthless and decisive, but not necessarily insane. Dr Philip Matyszak is a historian and author of many books on ancient history. Cassius Chaerea was not a happy man at the turn of the year An experienced officer in the Praetorian Guard, he had served on the Rhine and prided himself on his sense of honour.

To add insult to injury, the emperor treated Chaerea as a comic punch line. For Chaerea this was all too much.

Suetonius • Life of Caligula

Aiding him in his actions was his good friend, Herod Agrippa , who became governor of the territories of Batanaea and Trachonitis after Caligula became emperor in The cause of tensions in the east was complicated, involving the spread of Greek culture , Roman law and the rights of Jews in

the empire. Caligula did not trust the prefect of Egypt, Aulus Avilius Flaccus. Flaccus had been loyal to Tiberius, had conspired against Caligula's mother and had connections with Egyptian separatists. In 39, Agrippa accused Herod Antipas , the tetrarch of Galilee and Perea , of planning a rebellion against Roman rule with the help of Parthia.

Herod Antipas confessed and Caligula exiled him. Agrippa was rewarded with his territories. Riots again erupted in Alexandria in 40 between Jews and Greeks. The Governor of Syria, Publius Petronius , fearing civil war if the order were carried out, delayed implementing it for nearly a year. In Rome, another statue of himself, of colossal size, was made of gilt brass for the purpose. However, according to Josephus, when the ship carrying the statue was still underway, news of Caligula's death reached Petronius. Thus, the statue was never installed. Philo of Alexandria and Seneca the Younger , contemporaries of Caligula, describe him as an insane emperor who was self-absorbed, short-tempered, killed on a whim, and indulged in too much spending and sex.

While repeating the earlier stories, the later sources of Suetonius and Cassius Dio provide additional tales of insanity. They accuse Caligula of incest with his sisters, Agrippina the Younger, Drusilla, and Livilla, and say he prostituted them to other men. The validity of these accounts is debatable. In Roman political culture, insanity and sexual perversity were often presented hand-in-hand with poor government. Caligula's actions as emperor were described as being especially harsh to the Senate, to the nobility and to the equestrian order. The situation had escalated when, in 40, Caligula announced to the Senate that he planned to leave Rome permanently and to move to Alexandria in Egypt, where he hoped to be worshipped as a living god.

The prospect of Rome losing its emperor and thus its political power was the final straw for many. Such a move would have left both the Senate and the Praetorian Guard powerless to stop Caligula's repression and debauchery. With this in mind Chaerea convinced his fellow conspirators, who included Marcus Vinicius and Lucius Annius Vinicianus , to put their plot into action quickly. According to Josephus, Chaerea had political motivations for the assassination.

On 24 January 41, [] Cassius Chaerea and other guardsmen accosted Caligula as he addressed an acting troupe of young men beneath the palace, during a series of games and dramatics being held for the Divine Augustus. The Germanic guard, stricken with grief and rage, responded with a rampaging attack on the assassins, conspirators, innocent senators and bystanders alike. The cryptoporticus underground corridor beneath the imperial palaces on the Palatine Hill where this event took place was discovered by archaeologists in The senate attempted to use Caligula's death as an opportunity to restore the Republic.

After a soldier, Gratus , found Claudius hiding behind a palace curtain, he was spirited out of the city by a sympathetic faction of the Praetorian Guard [] to their nearby camp. Claudius became emperor after procuring the support of the Praetorian Guard. Claudius granted a general amnesty, although he executed a few junior officers involved in the conspiracy, including Chaerea.

He was buried within the Mausoleum of Augustus ; in , during the Sack of Rome , the ashes in the tomb were scattered. The facts and circumstances of Caligula's reign are mostly lost to history. Only two sources contemporary with Caligula have survived — the works of Philo and Seneca. Philo's works, On the Embassy to Gaius and Flaccus , give some details on Caligula's early reign, but mostly focus on events surrounding the Jewish population in Judea and Egypt with whom he sympathizes. Seneca's various works give mostly scattered anecdotes on Caligula's personality. Seneca was almost put to death by Caligula in AD 39 likely due to his associations with conspirators. At one time, there were detailed contemporaneous histories on Caligula, but they are now lost. Additionally, the historians who wrote them are described as biased, either overly critical or praising of Caligula.

A few of the contemporaneous historians are known by name. Fabius Rusticus and Cluvius Rufus both wrote condemning histories on Caligula that are now lost. Fabius Rusticus was a friend of Seneca who was known for historical embellishment and misrepresentation. Caligula's sister, Agrippina the Younger, wrote an autobiography that certainly included a detailed explanation of Caligula's reign, but it too is lost. Agrippina was banished by Caligula for her connection to Marcus Lepidus, who conspired against him. Gaetulicus , a poet, produced a number of flattering writings about Caligula, but they are lost.

The bulk of what is known of Caligula comes from Suetonius and Cassius Dio. Suetonius wrote his history on Caligula 80 years after his death, while Cassius Dio wrote his history over years after Caligula's death. Cassius Dio's work is invaluable because it alone gives a loose chronology of Caligula's reign. A handful of other sources add a limited perspective on Caligula. Josephus gives a detailed description of Caligula's assassination.

Tacitus provides some information on Caligula's life under Tiberius. In a now lost portion of his Annals , Tacitus gave a detailed history of Caligula. Pliny the Elder's Natural History has a few brief references to Caligula. There are few surviving sources on Caligula and none of them paints Caligula in a favourable light. The paucity of sources has resulted in significant gaps in modern knowledge of the reign of Caligula. Little is written on the first two years of Caligula's reign. Additionally, there are only limited details on later significant events, such as the annexation of Mauretania , Caligula's military actions in Britannia , and his feud with the Roman Senate.

According to legend, during his military actions in Britannia Caligula grew addicted to a steady diet of European sea eels, which led to their Latin name being Coluber caligulensis. All surviving sources, except Pliny the Elder, characterize Caligula as insane. However, it is not known whether they are speaking figuratively or literally. Additionally, given Caligula's unpopularity among the surviving sources, it is difficult to separate fact from fiction. Recent sources are divided in attempting to ascribe a medical reason for his behavior, citing as possibilities encephalitis , epilepsy or meningitis. Philo of Alexandria, Josephus and Seneca state that Caligula was insane, but describe this madness as a personality trait that came through experience. Suetonius said that Caligula suffered from "falling sickness", or epilepsy , when he was young. Suetonius described Caligula as sickly-looking, skinny and pale: "he was tall, very pale, ill-shaped, his neck and legs very slender, his eyes and temples hollow, his brows broad and knit, his hair thin, and the crown of the head bald.

The other parts of his body were much covered with hair He was crazy both in body and mind, being subject, when a boy, to the falling sickness.

When he arrived at the age of manhood he endured fatigue tolerably well. Occasionally he was liable to faintness, during which he remained incapable of any effort". Some modern historians think that Caligula suffered from hyperthyroidism. On 17 January , police in Nemi , Italy, announced that they believed they had discovered the site of Caligula's burial, after arresting a thief caught smuggling a statue which they believed to be of the emperor. Quadrans celebrating the abolition of a tax in AD 38 by Caligula.

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Visiting The Met? Marble portrait bust of the emperor Gaius, known as Caligula A. Listen Play or pause. And he never afterwards took oath about matters of the highest moment, even before the assembly of the people or in the presence of the soldiers, except by the godhead of Drusilla. At the marriage of Livia Orestilla to Gaius Piso, he attended the ceremony himself, gave orders that the bride be taken to his own house, and within a few days divorced her; two years later he banished her, because of a suspicion that in the meantime she had gone back to her former husband.

Others write that being invited to the wedding banquet, he sent word to Piso, who reclined opposite to him: "Don't take liberties with my wife," and at once carried her off with him from the table, the next day issuing a proclamation that he had got himself a wife in the manner of Romulus and Augustus. He did not honour her with the title of wife until she had borne him a child, announcing on the selfsame day that he had married her and that he was the father of her babe.

And no evidence convinced him so positively that she was sprung from his own loins as her savage temper, which was even then so violent that she would try to scratch the faces and eyes of the little children who played with her. Others he secretly put to death, yet continued to send for them as if they were alive, after a few days falsely asserting that they had committed suicide. Being disturbed by the noise made by those who came in the middle of the night to secure the free seats in the Circus, he drove them all out p with cudgels; in the confusion more than twenty Roman knights were crushed to death, with as many matrons and a countless number of others. Sometimes too he would shut up the granaries and condemn the people to hunger. Another who had offered his life for the same reason, but delayed to kill himself, he turned p over to his slaves, with orders to drive him through the streets decked with sacred boughs and fillets, calling for the fulfilment of his vow, and finally hurl him from the embankment.

Not all these punishments were for serious offences, but merely for criticising one of his shows, or for never having sworn by his Genius. He had the manager of his gladiatorial shows and beast-baitings beaten with chains in his presence for several successive days, and would not kill him until he was disgusted at the stench of his putrefied brain. He burned a writer of Atellan farces alive in the middle of the arena of the amphitheatre, because of a humorous line of double meaning.

When a Roman knight on being thrown to the wild beasts loudly protested his innocence, he took him out, cut off his tongue, and put him back again. When his grandmother Antonia gave him some advice, he was not satisfied merely to listen but replied: "Remember that I have the right to do anything to anybody. On signing the list of prisoners who were to be put to death later, he said that he was clearing his accounts. Having condemned several Gauls and Greeks to death in a body, he boasted that he had subdued Gallograecia. He often uttered the familiar line of the tragic poet: 53 "Let them hate me, so they but fear me. He constantly tongue-lashed the equestrian order as devotees of the stage and the arena.

Caligula bewailed this in a public proclamation as a most cruel murder, and expressed his horror of those who had had the heart to witness it. While he was lunching or revelling capital examinations by torture were often made in his presence, and a soldier who was adept at decapitation cut off the heads of those who were brought from prison. At one of his more sumptuous banquets he suddenly burst into a fit of laughter, and when the consuls, who were reclining next him, politely inquired at what he was laughing, he replied; "What do you suppose, p except that at a single nod of mine both of you could have your throats cut on the spot?

Whenever he kissed the neck of his wife or sweetheart, he would say: "Off comes this beautiful head whenever I give the word. He threw down the statues of famous men, which for lack of room Augustus had moved from the court of the Capitol to the Campus Martius, and so utterly demolished them that they could not be set up again with their inscriptions entire; and thereafter he forbade the erection of the statue of any living man anywhere, without his knowledge and consent. More than that, he all but removed the writings and the busts of Vergil and of Titus Livius from all the libraries, railing at the former as a man of no literary talent and very little learning, and the latter as a verbose and careless historian.

With regard to lawyers too, as if intending to do away with any practice of their profession, p he often threatened that he would see to it, by Heaven, that they could give no advice contrary to his wish. He is said to have had unnatural relations with Marcus Lepidus, the pantomimic actor Mnester, and certain hostages. Valerius Catullus, a young man of a consular family, publicly proclaimed that he had violated the emperor and worn himself out in commerce with him. To say nothing of his incest with his sisters and his notorious passion for the concubine Pyrallis, there was scarcely any woman of rank whom he did not approach.

He even scattered large sums of money among the commons from the roof of the basilica Julia for several days in succession. He built villas and country houses with utter disregard of expense, caring for nothing so much as to do what men said was impossible. To make a long story short, vast sums of money, including the 2,,, sesterces which Tiberius Caesar had amassed, were squandered by him in less than the revolution of a year.

He ruled that Roman citizenship could not lawfully be enjoyed by those whose forefathers had obtained it for themselves and their descendants, except in the case of sons, since "descendants" p ought not to be understood as going beyond that degree; and when certificates of the deified Julius and Augustus were presented to him, he waved them aside as old and out of date. When he had roused such fear in this way that he came to be named openly as heir by strangers among their intimates and by parents among their children, he accused them of making game of him by continuing to live after such a declaration, and to many of them he sent poisoned dainties. Impatient of the slightest delay, he once condemned in a single sentence more than forty who were accused on different counts, boasting to Caesonia, when she woke after a nap, of the great amount of business he had done while she was taking her siesta.

A well-known p incident is that of Aponius Saturninus; he fell asleep on one of the benches, and as the auctioneer was warned by Gaius not to overlook praetorian gentleman who kept nodding to him, the bidding was not stopped until thirteen gladiators were knocked down to the unconscious sleeper at nine million sesterces. Having learned that a rich provincial had paid those who issued the emperor's invitations two hundred thousand sesterces, to be smuggled in among the guests at one of his dinner-parties, he was not in the least displeased that the honour of dining with him was rated so high; but when next day the man appeared at his auction, he sent a messenger to hand him some trifle or other at the price of two hundred thousand sesterces and say that he should dine with Caesar on his personal invitation.

To leave no kind of plunder untried, he opened a brothel in his palace, setting apart a number of rooms and furnishing them to suit the grandeur of the place, where matrons and freeborn youths should stand exposed. Having on one occasion given up his place to the player next to him and gone into the courtyard, he spied two wealthy Roman knights passing by; he ordered them to be seized at once and their property confiscated and came back exultant, boasting that he had never played in better luck.

So without delay he assembled legions and auxiliaries from all quarters, holding levies everywhere with the utmost strictness, and collecting provisions of every kind on an unheard of scale. Then he began his march and made it now so hurriedly and rapidly, that the praetorian cohorts were forced, contrary to all precedent, to lay their p standards on the pack-animals and thus to follow him; again he was so lazy and luxurious that he was carried in a litter by eight bearers, requiring the inhabitants of the towns through which he passed to sweep the roads for him and sprinkle them to lay the dust. Upon p this he rushed out with his friends and a part of the praetorian cavalry to the woods close by, and after cutting the branches from some trees and adorning them like trophies, he returned by torchlight, taunting those who had not followed him as timorous and cowardly, and presenting his companions and the partners in his victory with crowns of a new kind and of a new name, ornamented with figures of the sun, moon and stars, and called exploratoriae.

On coming back to the table, when some announced that the army was assembled, he urged them to take their places just as they were, in their coats of mail. He also admonished them in the familiar line of Vergil to "bear up and save themselves for better days. These he reserved for his parade, compelling them not only to dye their hair red and to let it grow long, but also to learn the language of the Germans and assume barbarian names. He also had the triremes in which he had entered the Ocean carried overland to Rome for the greater part of the way. Accordingly he summoned them to an assembly without their arms, not even wearing their swords, and surrounded them with armed horsemen.

He complained among other things that he had been cheated of his fairly earned triumph; whereas a short time before he had himself given orders that on pain of death no action should be taken about his honours. He also made proclamation that he was returning, but only to those who desired his presence, the equestrian order and the people, for to the senate he would never more be fellow-citizen nor prince.

For he had made up his mind to move to Antium, and later to Alexandria, after first slaying the noblest members of the two orders. There was found besides a great chest full of divers kinds of poisons, which they say were later thrown into the sea p by Claudius and so infected it as to kill the fish, which were thrown up by the tide upon the neighbouring shores. Because of this to look upon him from a higher place as he passed by, or for any reason whatever to mention a goat, was treated as a capital offence.

While his face was naturally forbidding and ugly, he purposely made it even more savage, practising all kinds of terrible and fearsome expressions before a mirror. He himself realised his mental infirmity, and thought at times of going into retirement and clearing his brain. It is thought that his wife Caesonia gave him a drug intended for a love potion, which however had the effect of driving him mad.

Therefore weary of lying in bed wide awake during the greater part of the night, he would now sit upon his couch, and now wander through the long colonnades, crying p out from time to time for daylight and longing for its coming. For this man, who so utterly despised the gods, was wont at the slightest thunder and lightning to shut his eyes, to muffle up his head, and if they increased, to leap from his bed and hide under it. In his journey through Sicily, though he made all manner of fun of the miracles in various places, he suddenly fled from Messana by night, panic-stricken by the smoke and roaring from Aetna's crater.

Finding them crowded with camp servants and baggage, in his impatience of any delay he was passed along from hand to hand over the men's heads. But oftentimes he exhibited himself with a golden beard, holding in his hand a thunderbolt, a trident, or a caduceus, emblems of the gods, and even in the garb of Venus.

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He left the choreographer to pay for the meal, saying he had forgotten to bring enough money. McDowell offered her a signet ring, a prop from the film. She refused because it belonged to the production company. Brass decided not to focus much on Danilo Donati's elaborate sets, and intentionally kept the Penthouse Pets in the background during sex scenes. He focused instead on women whom Guccione considered to be unattractive. Filming concluded on 24 December His rough-cut was disassembled, and the film was edited by several editors, changing its tone and structure significantly by removing and re-arranging many scenes, using different takes, a slower editing style and music other than Brass intended. Guccione and Lui "hired a skeleton crew, snuck back into the studios at night, raided the prop room" [18] and shot hardcore sex scenes to edit into the film.

Although there were a number of editors on the film, their names were not credited. Instead, the credit "Editing by the Production" is given during the opening credits. Peter O'Toole was reluctant to re-record his English dialogue, he stayed away from the film's producers, then finally agreed to re-record his dialogue. The film was scored by Bruno Nicolai under the name Paul Clemente. An edited version of the film had a limited run in a small town near Forli, Italy before opening in Rome on Sunday, November 11, In the United States, Guccione refused to submit Caligula to the MPAA because he did not want the film to receive a rating—even X—which he considered to be "demeaning". Rather than leasing prints to exhibitors, the distributor rented theaters that specialized in foreign and art films for the purpose of screening Caligula exclusively [40] in order to keep the film out of theaters that showed pornographic films.

The script was adapted into a novelization written by William Johnston under the pseudonym William Howard. In , when Guccione tried to import the film's footage into the U. Federal officials did not declare the film to be obscene. In Boston , authorities seized the film. Atlanta prosecutors threatened legal action if the film was to be screened in the city, but experts testified in court on behalf of the film, and Atlanta, too, declared that the film was not obscene. The film was banned in Australia, where it continues to be banned in its uncut form as of [update]. On appeal, court vacated the award, ruling that punitive damages were not allowed by the law governing the case.

Caligula received generally negative reviews. Ebert wrote, "In the two hours of this film that I saw, there were no scenes of joy, natural pleasure, or good sensual cheer. There was, instead, a nauseating excursion into base and sad fantasies. Caligula continued to garner negative reception long after its release. The site's critical consensus reads, "Endlessly perverse and indulgent, Caligula throws in hardcore sex every time the plot threatens to get interesting. Writers for The Hamilton Spectator and St. Louis Post-Dispatch said Caligula was one of the worst films they'd seen. Club , Keith Phipps said, "As a one-of-a-kind marriage of the historical epic and the porn film Caligula deserves a look. But it might be better to let Guccione's savagely unpleasant folly fade into the century that spawned it". Caligula has been described as a " cult classic " by William Hawes in a book about the film. In , Caligula was released on DVD and Blu-ray in an "Imperial Edition", [63] which featured the unrated theatrical release version and a new version featuring alternative sequencing from the original theatrical release and without the explicit sexual content shot by Guccione, marking the first attempt to reconstruct the film into a version closer to Brass's intentions.

This edition also includes audio commentaries featuring Malcolm McDowell and Helen Mirren, and interviews with the cast and crew. In February , Penthouse announced that a new cut of the film was being edited by Alexander Tuschinski. The film explores his relationship to Caligula , the process of reconstructing Brass's vision and Penthouse CEO Kelly Holland 's backing of the project.

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His behaviour was so erratic that people wondered if he was suffering from some form of madness. At the age of three he started to accompany his father on military campaigns and the little soldier outfit he was given included miniature boots. She was said to enjoy accompanying her military hero husband Germanicus on many of his most brutal and bloody campaigns, and became his closest and most trusted political advisor.

After publicly declaring her desire for revenge, Tiberius swiftly had Agrippa and her children imprisoned, where they later died. Summoned to live with Tiberius in Capri as a teenager, Caligula became a pampered prisoner to his great uncle and adoptive grandfather, although he secretly despised him. At the very start of his reign, Caligula led a series of political reforms and even recalled all exiles from outside Rome. But something

shifted in the next few months, which some have attributed to a serious illness, leading Caligula to become increasingly erratic and deranged. In one famous incident, Caligula arranged for hundreds of merchant ships to form a 3-mile long floating bridge across the Bay of Baiae.

He galloped back and forth across the bridge on his horse for two days straight, wearing a dazzling golden cape. Caligula lavished large sums on aqueducts, harbours, theatres and temples in his name. Although his excessive architectural ambitions ran Rome into debt, he successfully oversaw the completion of important Roman buildings. From 39 to But when all the battles were lost, he reached the brink of madness. Thin, pale, and covered in large amounts of fine hair, Caligula was not blessed with natural good looks. He even turned murder into a sport, attacking people at random, prompting abject fear into everyone around him. Rumour has it he even had statues beheaded, replacing their heads with his own. He lavished his fine steed with attention, giving him his own house with a marble stall and an ivory manger, and even openly expressed his plans to declare his horse a Roman consulate. Unfortunately he died before he could make this dream a reality.

Caligula turned Roman Gladiatorial games into a demonstration of cruelty and power. As well as having criminals and slaves sacrificed before an audience for entertainment, he was said to have even fed a section of the crowd to the beasts because they were running low on criminals. Caligula never gave people hearings when he restored the treason trials Article 19 states everyone has the freedom of expression and opinion.

If people spoke out against Caligula they would be hauled to jail to await their execution or would be tortured to death. Discussion Questions 1 Why do you think after Caligulas life and death experience would he become such a insane ruler? Should he have been allowed? Open navigation menu. Close suggestions Search Search. User Settings. Skip carousel. Carousel Previous. Carousel Next. What is Scribd? Uploaded by api Document Information click to expand document information Original Title caligula vs macbeth. Did you find this document useful? Is this content inappropriate? Report this Document. Flag for inappropriate content. Download now. Save Save caligula vs macbeth For Later.

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