Julius Caesar Webquest

You are an up and coming reporter for the Daily Roman Times in the year 44 BC. After conquest and war in Egypt, Africa, and Spain, Julius Caesar has made his triumphant march into the city. Amid all the celebration and feasting, your boss has promised you a thirty minute interview with the great general on March 15 just before he journeys to the Senate house for a session with the various senators. You are nervous for the interview but gain enough information to publish stories about Julius Caesar for weeks.

You rush back to tell your boss everything you learned only to find out that Caesar has been assassinated. Your assignment suddenly changes. Since you were given so much information by the man himself, you are tasked to write a beautiful, grand obituary for the late leader using the information gained from your short time with Julius Caesar.

What started out as a simple interview has turned into a hot topic all throughout the Roman Empire. People are waiting on your obituary that will detail the different aspects in Julius Caesar's life. You need to search through your notes from the interview and determine what is absolutely crucial and what needs to be in the obituary for the deceased leader. As funeral arrangements are being prepared, you realize how little time you have to write a piece that will be appreciated by the masses of people waiting for it. Like a traditional obituary, yours must contain the following information gathered from your interview:

* Birth date/birth place and death date/death place.
* What family members he left behind.
* Some information about his early life.
* His major military conquests.
* Advancements made as leader of Rome
* Negatives that people criticized him for

Use the websites below and the documents available on the class website (Killing Caesar and Caesar Bio) to write your obituary.

<http://www.vroma.org/~bmcmanus/caesar.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/caesar_julius.shtml>

<http://www.history.co.uk/biographies/julius-caesar>