Analysing the question...

- Underline the key words.
  
  Discuss the image of honour presented by Shakespeare in Julius Caesar.
  
- Define any key words
  
  - Don’t copy out definitions but define exactly what YOU intend to mean by them within your essay.

- Make notes
  
  - Make mind maps, spider diagrams, lists etc.
The ABC of essays

A - Introduction
- Indicate the main issues
- State what ground your essay will cover

B - Middle
- Explain the issues and theories
- Give examples and other evidence
- Show what others have said

C - Conclusion
- Sum up – referring to the issues set out in the question
- State what you see as the most reasonable conclusion to draw
Extra tips for essay writing

- Do not write in the 1st person – I, me, we etc...
- Use correct punctuation – comma, apostrophe, quotation marks, colons and semi-colons.
- Try to spell correctly – their, there and they’re.
- Do not shorten words – Don’t, won’t, couldn’t etc...
- Reference correctly.
- Re-read your essay before you submit it. Allow time to do this.
- Allow yourself time to plan your essay. You are graded on quality not quantity.
Structuring your essay

- Introduction
  - approx 10% of the essay.

- Paragraph 1
  - Developing your argument or reasoning.
  - First sentence introduces the main idea of the paragraph.
  - Include relevant examples, details, evidence, quotes and references.

- Subsequent paragraphs
  - First sentence links to previous paragraphs.
  - next sentences develop the paragraphs topic.

- Conclusion
  - approx 10% of the essay.
Lets plan an essay!

Make sure that you know what evidence from the text you plan on using.