

## HISTORICAL WITNESS

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### STUDENT HANDOUT

#### **Description of an Emperor** for Putting a Spin on Current Events

*Height: tall — Complexion: pallid — Body: hairy and badly built — Neck: thin — Legs: spindling — Eyes: sunken — Temples: hollow — Forehead: broad and forbidding — Scalp: almost hairless, especially on top. Because of his baldness and hairiness he announced that it was a capital offense either for anyone to look down on him as he passed or to mention goats in any context.*

From *The Lives of the Caesars*, written about A.D. 122 by Suetonius