

# World History Honors Summer Assignment 2015-2016

## Mr. Moore

### ***The Prince*, Niccolo Machiavelli**

*The Prince*, written by Niccolo Machiavelli, is one of the most influential works on political power in Western Civilization. Machiavelli's early career as a diplomat (officially the Secretary of the Second Chancery) for the powerful Republic of Florence from 1498-1512 during the politically volatile era of the Italian Renaissance allowed him to examine firsthand the multitudes of leadership styles and qualities in his dealings with the Sforzas in Milan, the Borgias in Rome, the Trastámaras of Aragon (Spain), and the Valois in France. In 1513, the republican government in Florence was overthrown by the powerful Medici family, namely Lorenzo de Medici (the Magnificent). After taking princely control of Florence, Lorenzo promptly fired Machiavelli, who after a brief imprisonment (and brutal torture), retired to his estate where he devoted the rest of his life to writing. Although his writings vary from satiric plays (*The Mandrake*) to poetry, his most lasting contribution to history would be his political essays and tracts, especially *The Prince*.

**Directions:** Write the quote as it appears and then rewrite each of Machiavelli's quotes in your own words. Understand his quotes and what advice he is trying to give to prospective "Princes". **This assignment will be due on the first day of class.** The assignment must be typed and double spaced. If you do not know the meaning of a word... LOOK IT UP

### **No excuses and no exceptions**

To avoid potential heartache

*Plan ahead and plan for "what if?"*

**FAQ** (frequently asked question) How long does the answer have to be?

The answer must be long enough to answer the question completely

“Of mankind we may say in general they are fickle, hypocritical, and greedy of gain.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Entrepreneurs are simply those who understand that there is little difference between obstacle and opportunity and are able to turn both to their advantage.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Men ought either to be well treated or crushed, because they can avenge themselves of lighter injuries, of more serious ones they cannot; therefore the injury that is to be done to a man ought to be of such a kind that one does not stand in fear of revenge.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“A prince must not have any other object nor any other thought... but war, its institutions, and its discipline; because that is the only art befitting one who commands.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Wisdom consists of knowing how to distinguish the nature of trouble, and in choosing the lesser evil.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Everyone sees what you appear to be, few experience what you really are.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“If an injury has to be done to a man it should be so severe that his vengeance need not be feared.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“There is no other way to guard yourself against flattery than by making men understand that telling you the truth will not offend you.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *Machiavelli Niccolo : The Prince*

“The lion cannot protect himself from traps, and the fox cannot defend himself from wolves. One must therefore be a fox to recognize traps, and a lion to frighten wolves.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“it is much safer to be feared than loved because ...love is preserved by the link of obligation which, owing to the baseness of men, is broken at every opportunity for their advantage; but fear preserves you by a dread of punishment which never fails.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, it is far safer to be feared than loved”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Never attempt to win by force what can be won by deception.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“...he who seeks to deceive will always find someone who will allow himself to be deceived.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“A prudent man should always follow in the path trodden by great men and imitate those who are most excellent, so that if he does not attain to their greatness, at any rate he will get some tinge of it.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *Prince*

“The promise given was a necessity of the past: the word broken is a necessity of the present.”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*

“Therefore, it is necessary to be a fox to discover the snares and a lion to terrify the wolves”

— Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*