

## Outside Reading Assignment #2 -- Niccolo Machiavelli's The Prince

**DUE: 12 December 2007**

Format: MLA (1" margins, double-spaced, heading, last name and page number at 0.5")

Length: 2 pages minimum

### Assignment:

Machiavelli relates his governmental analysis in the form of a monarchy; however, his ideas are easily transferred to a democratic government's practices.

If you are reading Machiavelli:

1. Choose three (3) of the major issues discussed in The Prince.
  - a. Human Nature
  - b. Virtue
  - c. Free Will
  - d. Love and Hatred
  - e. Statesmanship and Warcraft
2. REQUIREMENTS:
  - a. Addressing one issue at a time, you will compare and contrast the Machiavellian ideals to present-day society recognizing AT LEAST three (3) similarities and three (3) differences for EACH issue.
  - b. You do NOT need to research for this assignment. You may use your personal experiences and your common knowledge to provide examples for the similarities and differences found within present-day society. You may cite outside sources if you choose to. (This is looked upon favorably.)
  - c. You MUST cite specific examples from The Prince to defend your analysis/comparison. You will then need a Works Cited page that includes the book listed in proper MLA format.