

**The Prince**  
Niccolo Machiavelli

As you read this classic, be thinking about life in Renaissance Italy during the time of Machiavelli. Remember that this time period is strikingly different than the preceding Middle Ages and why it was important for rulers to be able to seize and hold their power.

As you analyze and interpret Machiavelli's attitude toward each of the following, make sure to jot down at least two or three excerpts from *The Prince* to support your answers. This must be typed in 12 point Roman Times, double spaced and in separate paragraphs to answer all the questions A through M listed below. Be ready to discuss your reasons and views the first week of class.

- A. Mixed principalities and princes:
  
- B. Establishment and governance of cities, old and new:
  
- C. Law:
  
- D. Ecclesiastical principalities
  
- E. Evil and immorality:
  
- F. Military matters and monetary matters
  
- G. Love, fear, and hatred
  
- H. Truthfulness
  
- I. Subversion
  
- J. Power and Leadership

After analyzing Machiavelli's views of the above in separate paragraphs, write a good paragraph on each of the following:

- K. Why are Machiavelli's ideas so appropriate to the historical realities of his time?
  
- L. "Machiavelli established a cleavage between political conduct and personal morality."  
Explain in detail how and why this was done.
  
- M. Discuss the relevancy of *The Prince* to present-day politics. Find examples to support your answer from recent news articles in the papers and on the news channels.

## Reading Rubric

Machiavelli's *The Prince* due \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Content</b>	<b>Advanced (A)</b>	<b>Proficient (B)</b>	<b>Practicing (C)</b>
Essay	Typed essay (min 20 pages) with the questions in order turned in on time.	Typed essay (min 15 pages) with the questions in order turned in on time.	Typed essay (min 12 pages with the questions in order turned in 1 day late.
Content Questions A-J	Answers were complete with good analysis/comparison	Answers were good but the analysis was not complete.	Attempted to answer the questions but with little analysis
Quotations from <i>The Prince</i>	Used 2 excellent quotes correctly and explained how they applied to the question in a very thorough manner	Found 1 quotes and attempted to explain how they applied to the question but needed more analysis.	Found no adequate quotes to explain the questions with no analysis or explanation.
Analysis	Good compare and contrast of <i>The Prince</i> quest. K-M to historical times vs modern times with current events to exemplify answers.	Compared most of the questions K-M to historical times but had some difficulty with modern current events.	Attempted to compare the questions K-M but little historical, modern or current event analysis.