

Reflective Response (30 points)

Response Topic: Choose one modern European leader, who has been in power at some time in the last 30 years. Consider whether and how your chosen leader's life does or does not show that Machiavelli's advice to leaders is still relevant today. As you discuss the life and work of your leader, make sure that you include (and cite) relevant quotes from "The Prince."

- **Requirements:** Minimum 300 words, including at least 5 excerpts from *The Prince* and analysis of each quote.
 - **STEP 1:** As you read *The Prince*, prepare at least 5 3X5" note cards which will aid you in writing a reflective response to the above-mentioned prompt. In your reflection, you will select a modern European leader and assess the extent of how Machiavellian their ideas, policies, and actions are. On each note card, write one quotation from Machiavelli which you will discuss as it relates to the leader's life—for example, "The prince must be a lion, but he must also know how to play the fox." Add to the card details from your selected leader's life that are pertinent to the quotation from Machiavelli.
 - **STEP 2:** Choose one modern European leader, who has been in power at some time in the last 30 years. Research this leader's biography, especially his or her political style and accomplishments or failures. You will receive at most half credit if you disregard this instruction and choose a non-European or non-modern leader.
 - **STEP 3:** Write!