

The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli



Critique *The Prince* in three to five pages. Make sure to cite your sources in MLA Format.

Use the following questions as guidelines (by no means are they all encompassing) to prepare your critique.

1. What was your opinion of the book, and why?
2. How effectively and in what way does the theme of the book or argument of the author reflect what you already know?
3. How well has the author achieved his aims? Are these aims supported or justified?
4. Does the author seem fair and accurate? Is there any distortion, exaggeration, or diminishing of material? Is the overall interpretation biased, subjective, slanted, objective, etc.? Does the author try to look at both sides of the issue?
5. Is the book interesting or boring, and why? Does the material presented raise your curiosity about the subject/time period, and why?
6. Is there enough information in the book? Is the subject treated thoroughly or summarily?
7. Did you feel satisfied, disappointed, or puzzled by the book, and why?
8. How well is the book written?
9. Is there anything distinctive or noteworthy about the book?