**Precepts of Power: “Everyone Sees what you Appear to Be, Few Perceive What You Are”**

1. Take the Machiavelli survey on this page and record your score below:

[**http://personality-testing.info/tests/MACH-IV.php**](http://personality-testing.info/tests/MACH-IV.php)

What was your score on the Machiavelli Indicator? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Watch the following short video biography of Niccolo and answer the questions below:

<https://youtu.be/AOXl0Ll_t9s>

1. According to Machiavelli, what is most needed by the citizenry?
2. What is the incompatibility between being a good governor and a good Christian?
3. What was Savonarola’s problem, according to Machiavelli?
4. What is virtu?
5. What is the tension that Machiavelli brings to our attention?

**Directions: Read the excerpt from *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli. Answer the text dependent questions in a colored font as you go through each section. The vocab box below is to catch any words you do not know and define them. Expand your word power!**

**Vocabulary**

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**Text Dependent Questions**

**On Those Who Have Become Princes by Crime.**

1. When should a conqueror of an area do all the harmful things to the people? Why does he explain this is important?
2. When should benefits from a ruler be given out? Why?
3. Why should a prince live with his subjects?

**On Cruelty and Mercy**

1. According to Machiavelli, is it better to be loved or feared?
2. What is the human nature of men?
3. What holds the bond between ruler and people tightly?
4. Why should a prince avoid taking the property of others?

**How a Prince Should Keep His Word**

1. What are the two ways of fighting?
2. How should a prince be like a fox and a lion?

**Big Questions**

1. The quote “Everyone sees what you appear to be, few perceive what you are” appears in the last section of the text. Explain what you think Machiavelli meant by this quote. How could this quote apply to your life?
2. Machiavelli has been called “the disciple of the devil”. After reading this excerpt from *The Prince, why do you think this view has prevailed?*
3. Interpret the phrase “the ends justify the means”. Do you believe this to be true?
4. Do you see Machiavelli as moral or immoral? Why?