



Required Summer Reading with Assignments

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The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli

English III/IV, Honors

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To understand a work of literature it is helpful to understand the times and situations that the author lived.

Before you begin to read *The Prince* please review the background information about Nicolo Machiavelli found on this link below:

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/medici/renaissance/machiavelli.html>

Just for fun, take this quiz to see if you have the tendency to be a Machiavelli!

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/medici/medici/quiz.html>

Read *The Prince* by Machiavelli. Machiavelli's name has become a synonym for evil. Please write an essay that uses specific examples of Machiavelli's characteristics of a good leader from the book and compares them to the behavior and leadership of current leaders in our society.

Learning to create an argument with strong reasoning is a skill that you will use for your lifetime. Aristotle identified the elements of persuasion as *ethos, pathos and logos*. *Ethos* is the credibility that you have as an author and the credibility of your sources. Using sources that are credible will go a long way in persuading your audience to believe your argument. *Pathos* is when you use emotion to appeal to your audience. You find an area that is close to the heart of the audience and use that as an argument tool. *Logos* is the logic of your reasoning. It uses solid facts and statistics to derive your arguments. You probably use these in your "discussions" with your parents, siblings or friends already. We will be sharpening your skills for arguing your point.

Your assignment must be 1-2 pages submitted on the eLC (double spaced and in 12 font New Times Roman). Your essay should contain the following elements; an introduction paragraph, at least 3 arguments using *ethos*, *pathos* and *logos*, and a conclusion paragraph.