

# THE PRINCE #1

**Directions:** Read **Chapters 1-3** of *The Prince*. As you go, (1) annotate the text, (2) circle any words you do not know and look them up, writing their meanings in the margins, and (3) answer the questions below in full sentences with thoughtful explanation.

1. What gift is Machiavelli giving to Lorenzo di Piero de' Medici?
2. Machiavelli is not a prince. How does he explain why he is qualified to write this book?
3. What does it mean for a principality to be hereditary?
4. According to Machiavelli, why is it easier for a hereditary ruler to stay in power than for a new ruler to stay in power?
5. What problems do new rulers run into you when trying to hold onto a territory they have conquered?
6. When a prince punkers a new territory, do the language and culture of the people in that territory have any effect on how easy or difficult it will be to rule and control? Explain with evidence from the text.

7. In order to secure power over a newly conquered territory, Machiavelli recommends that the prince go and live in that newly conquered territory. What are three reasons he gives for this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Aside from the prince living there himself, Machiavelli gives two other options for keeping the conquered territory under control, settling colonists (regular people from the prince's home country) there to live, or stationing military troops there to keep order. Which does he recommend and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. According to Machiavelli, is it better to have the support of the strongest and most powerful people or the weakest and least powerful people in the newly conquered territory? Why? Do you find this surprising?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. According to Machiavelli, what did King Louis of France do wrong, and what should he have done differently?