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**Socratic Seminar Prep Sheet**

**This sheet is to help you prepare for our seminar on The Prince. You must answer all the questions on this sheet and hand it in immediately after your seminar (you may use it during your seminar).**

Title of Text: The Prince

Author: Niccolo Machiavelli

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| **Seminar Prompt** |
| **Do the ends justify the means?** |

**Step 1:** Read the text looking for quotations that catch your interest. (We’ve done this already)

**Step 2:** Please summarize the text: (We’ve done this so much we do not need to do it again- but you could look through your notes again!)

**Step 3:** Answer the following questions briefly so that you can be prepared to participate in the seminar.

1. Summarize the advice Machiavelli gives to future rulers in the Prince.
2. Does Machiavelli say it is okay to be cruel as a leader? Why or why not?
3. Do you think Machiavelli is evil or just realistic or something else entirely? Why?
4. Machiavelli says the ends justify the means, why does he believe this?

1. Do you agree with Machiavelli? Why or why not?

**Step 4:** Please find two relevant quotes from the Prince that you could use to support your answers to the previous questions.

1. Chapter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Chapter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 5:** Please think of three outside examples to support your opinion on the seminar question, do the ends justify the means? These examples could be from your life, the current news or politics, history, or anything else you can think of. Be creative, be persuasive.

1. Example:
2. Example:
3. Example:

**Step 6:** Write three questions about the reading or about the opposing perspective to this prompt that you might use to participate in the seminar.

1.

2.

3.