Machiavelli: Philosopher of Power

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Small-group discussion task: Use the form below to record notes regarding Machiavelli's claims and evidence for each chapter of The Prince. F*ollow the example provided below.*

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8	How can a prince gain and maintain power through wicked means?	• There is a difference between "good" evil and "bad" evil: "Good" evil is done all at once; "bad" evil drags on. • Princes who get all evil over with at once gain the support of the people _if_ they then delve out benefits to them. • Princes who drag out evil deeds will not be successful; the people will feel uncertain and distrustful.	• Agathocles the Sicilian • Oliverotto de Fermo (both rose through the ranks by way of virtù and evil deeds, but only Agathocles was successful)	Rip off the Band-Aid. Get all of the bad deeds, like firing, over with at once. Then, set up a strategic plan to benefit those who remain. Do this by…
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