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Machiavelli's *The Prince*: Common Sense in Politics?

While you view the documentary, answer questions in the space provided. Though you need not write in complete sentences, you do need to be sure that your answers are complete.

The Real World

1. His book, fairly or unfairly, has caused Machiavelli's name to ring through the centuries as a synonym for what?
2. The prince is a book about what and for whom?
3. How does Machiavelli's book demonstrate the conflict of appearance versus reality in politics?
4. According to Machiavelli, what counts the most? What does this imply?
5. Who were some of Machiavelli's contemporaries?
6. What idea was just beginning to take root regarding man's fate?
7. What happened to Giuliano de'Medici?
8. Describe the state of the Catholic Church in Machiavelli's day.
9. What was Machiavelli's position regarding church and politics? Why?

Lessons in Power

10. What happened to the Medici family in 1494 when Charles VIII of France rode through Florence?
11. For what division of the restored republic did Machiavelli work?
12. According to Machiavelli, who must make up armies? Why?
13. According to Machiavelli, leadership requires more than _____ and _____.

14. What criticism did Lincoln receive during his presidency?
15. What event in Machiavelli's life instructed his political views?

The Book

16. Describe Machiavelli's "hell."
17. What character qualities did Machiavelli possess that seemed anti-Machiavellian?
18. How long did it take Machiavelli to write *The Prince*?
19. *The Prince* is the "most famous job application in history," offering a blueprint for a new type of leader. What are his qualities?
20. How, according to Machiavelli, is the ideal prince like a political actor?

Déjà Vu

21. According to Machiavelli, a prince needs good _____.
22. How are international relations today "like a jungle"?
23. What practical advice does Machiavelli provide regarding foreign relations?

Machiavelli in Hell

24. Which individuals are identified as Machiavelli's "intellectual children"?

Judgment Day

25. Machiavelli's influence is "far from dead." In what ways is Machiavelli present in today's politics and popular culture?
26. What was Machiavelli's assessment of human nature?
27. *The Prince* deals with what central aspect of human life in a profound way?