

**AP European History: Summer Assignment**  
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**I. Paper: Due: Tuesday, September 8**

**Part I**

Familiarize yourself with the worlds of Niccolo Machiavelli and Sir Thomas More. You can use the following websites for information or search for additional information.

<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/REN/MACHIAV.HTM>

<http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/philosophers/machaivelli.html>

<http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/tmore.htm>

**Part II**

After grasping this information, read The Prince by Machiavelli and Utopia by More. You can purchase the books, check the books out of a library or read the texts on line at the following websites or another website. I also have a few copies of The Prince.

[http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/texts/prince/prince\\_contents.html](http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/texts/prince/prince_contents.html)

<http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/morebib.htm>

As you read both books, look for themes that are present throughout the texts. Taking notes as you read will be extremely useful and helpful. Use the questions below to guide you through the reading. The questions are not due or part of the finished product, but they aid your understanding of the reading and will be the basis of our class discussion which will be graded.

**Part III**

Recall or re familiarize yourself with the philosophy, goals, programs and ideas of Lyndon B. Johnson

**Part IV**

Compare and contrast LBJ's ideas in a Machiavellian world and a Utopian world. Are LBJ's goals, ideas and policies more in keeping with More or Machiavelli? Explain your reasoning and use specific evidence to **prove your thesis**. The significance of the comparison should be evident and explained to the reader. **Sophisticated essays include examples from the text with detailed analysis. (only summarizing the text will significantly reduce your grade)**

You must provide balanced analysis of both works in your discussion. Spark notes, Cliff notes etc are not considered critical sources. All work should be correctly formatted according to the MLA. The paper should be 5 pages in length. Please read the attached rubric for specific requirements. This assignment is worth three tests grades for the first marking period.

If you have questions, my email address is [sleahy@bhpsnj.org](mailto:sleahy@bhpsnj.org). I will be traveling during the summer but will have access to email.

**General paper and work policy:**

- Late papers drop one full grade for every late day
- If the summer assignment is not completed, your grade for the first marking period will be no higher than a C
- Papers must be submitted to turnitin.com.

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- **Plagiarism or cheating results in a zero.**

**Questions:**

**MACHIAVELLI QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did Machiavelli write The Prince?
2. Name three recurring themes in The Prince.
3. Describe the role of armies according to Machiavelli.
4. Why does Machiavelli say that it is better for a prince "to be both loved and feared?" Is it possible for a prince to be both? Explain.
5. In Chapter 20, what three bits of advice does Machiavelli give the prince?
6. List and describe ten characteristics of a Machiavellian ruler.
7. As you perceive it, describe what a state might be like under a Machiavellian ruler.

**MORE QUESTIONS:**

1. Describe the geography of Utopia. What role does geography play in the way Utopian society developed?

2. Describe the economy of Utopia.
3. Choose any five of the following topics and describe their role in Utopia: cities, community life, economy, education, artisans, agriculture, philosophy, religion, law, foreign relations, slavery.
4. What does Utopia tell us about More's views of humans and humanity?
5. Would it be possible to establish a community like Utopia? Why or why not?

## **II: Geography**

European geography is critical to understand the events, issues and human interaction that occur. You should be familiar with the geography of modern Europe. This includes:

- All Countries
- Major cities
  - Amsterdam
  - Athens
  - Berlin
  - Brussels
  - Budapest
  - Florence
  - Geneva
  - Istanbul
  - London
  - Madrid
  - Moscow
  - Munich
  - Paris
  - Prague
  - Rome
  - St. Petersburg
  - Sarajevo
  - Venice
  - Vienna
- Bodies of water
  - All seas and oceans
  - Bosphorous Straights and Dardanelles

There will be a geography assessment the first week of school. Geogrpahyzone.com or other geography game websites are helpful.